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COFFEE, CAKES AND A CHEQUE AS LIONS SUPPORT PORTHCAWL RNLI



Members of Porthcawl Lions Club presented Porthcawl RNLI with a cheque for £250 to mark its 50th anniversary, "in appreciation of all they do for the town". SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 3.

Neighbours' row led to claw hammer being brandished

- COURT IS TOLD

"AN exchange of words" between neighbours culminated when one of them brandished a claw hammer and shouted: "Come on then", Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Gareth Jones (40) of Bryn Terrace, Cefn Cribwr, admitted making threats when armed with an offensive weapon. He was jailed for six months, suspended for two years, and ordered to carry out unpaid work for 100 hours and also ordered to pay a criminal court charge of £900.

Said Judge Tom Crowther QC: "You brandished a claw hammer, causing great fright."

Prosecutor Ian Colville said that at the time, Jones was living in Nantymoel Road, Bridgend.

CROWN COURT REPORT
by AJ SICLUNA

There was an exchange of words between neighbours, including Mr Darren Owen. At one point, Jones' partner, who had been drinking, stumbled into Mr Owen and fell to the ground.

Jones shouted: "That's my ***** missus" and pulled from his pocket a claw hammer saying: "Right - that's it," and began swinging it. He was arrested shortly afterwards and the hammer was found nearby.

"When interviewed, he gave conflicting accounts of what took place. Mr Owen was in no way physically violent," said Mr Colville.

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Porthcawl Lifeboats rescue kayaker

JUST after midday on Saturday (October 31), Porthcawl RNLI lifeboats *Rose of the Shires* and *Jean Ryall* rushed to help a capsized kayaker in difficulty half a mile off Newton Point.

Atlantic 85 lifeboat *Rose of the Shires* helmsman Chris Missen reported: "The casualty had been in the water for 15 to 20 minutes. Fortunately, both sea conditions and visibility were good and within minutes of our launch, we had the male kayaker safely on board and returned to the lifeboat station."

Porthcawl's D Class lifeboat was also launched as back-up and recovered the

upturned kayak.

"Lifeboat crew and a paramedic provided medical attention to the casualty following his immersion in the sea. Fortunately, he only suffered from cold and was later returned to Newton by Porthcawl Coastguard Unit," said deputy launching authority Steve Jones.

"We were first informed of this incident by coastguard personnel, who had received reports from a member of the public saying they had heard a person calling for help."

"Thanks to the quick actions of our volunteer RNLI crew members, this rescue came to a successful conclusion."

Lifeboat operations manager at

Porthcawl, Phil Missen, added: "We are aware of more people taking up the sport of kayak fishing off Porthcawl; fortunately, in this incident the casualty was wearing a wet suit and a lifejacket."

"We would like to remind people who use the sea to ensure that they are wearing protective clothing and take safety equipment with them, including means of communication to call for assistance, should the need arise."

"The conditions were good and sea temperatures still relatively high, yet the kayak was swamped by waves in Newton Race and with winter fast approaching, conditions will deteriorate, so protect yourself," he warned.

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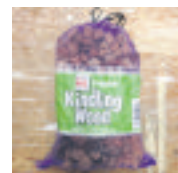
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Committee members 'go ape' for charity!



PICTURED (left to right): Michael Banks, the Mayor of Maesteg, Coun Mike Harpur and Rob Jones.

TWO members of the Mayor of Maesteg's fundraising committee recently took up the 'Go Ape' Challenge to raise funds for the Mayor's chosen charities for 2015-16, Cancer Research (Maesteg) and Y Bwthyn Newydd (Bridgend).

High in the tree canopy above Margam Park, Michael Banks and Rob Jones from Lizzy's Candy climbed rope ladders, negotiated tricky wooden bridges and scrambled up army-style nets, followed

by a hair-raising zip wire race to the finish, where they were greeted by their many friends and supporters.

Their 'Ape for the Day' efforts raised more than £1,100 for the mayor's fund.

The mayor's committee is now organising a one-day stall in the Maesteg Friday market for the end of November, followed by a murder mystery night in January – look out for details.

Cwtchi Mamas, in Maesteg Market Hall is holding a cake day on December 4, where they will donate £2 to the mayor's fund for every piece of cake purchased. So, if you are in town, pop along for a cuppa and a lovely piece of Christmas cake.

LOW

Views of older people are being sought

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is running an 'Ageing Well in Bridgend' consultation this autumn, asking local residents for their views on how their lives are within the county borough.

The survey follows the Older Person's Commissioner for Wales challenge to the nation to develop plans that can support people aged 50 and above to live active, healthy and fulfilling lives.

An Ageing Well Plan is being developed for Bridgend county borough which will focus on a number of national themes including age friendly communities, falls prevention, dementia supportive communities, loneliness and isolation and opportunities for learning and employment.

As part of the plan, the council wants to engage with older people living in Bridgend county borough to see how they use services, how connected they are within their communities

and how improvements can be made. The council is currently seeking the views of individuals and groups across the county borough to share their experiences and help the development of the plan going forward.

The cabinet member for adult social care, health and wellbeing, Coun Phil White, said: "We want the public's input to help us develop a range of preventative services, opportunities and resources that prolong health, quality of life and place older people at the heart of our communities."

"We'd like to hear from a range of people who have an interest in the Ageing Well Plan, including people who care for older people, or people who may be thinking of their future as an older person living in the county borough."

To be part of the 'Ageing well in Bridgend' consultation, visit the council's consultation pages at www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation, or for a paper copy please call 01656 643664.

New appointment for Bridgend estate agents

HERBERT R THOMAS (HRT) estate agents has announced a new appointment to its rental team in Bridgend.

The estate agents has recently recruited Gabby Calcaterra, 22, from Cowbridge, as rental assistant. Miss Calcaterra is following in her father's footsteps, Robert Calcaterra, who is a director of the company.

Gabby Calcaterra said: "I'm really excited to join HRT. Since I was old enough, I've helped out on weekends as I've always had an interest in estate agency."

"I'm particularly excited to join the Bridgend office, which is quickly growing. I'm already learning a vast amount from Michelle and the team, and I'm really enjoying working with both landlords and tenants to ensure their property queries are resolved."

Gavin Rees, director at HRT, said: "We've had a really good year in Bridgend and we'd like to thank the local community for their



support.

"We're delighted to welcome Gabby to the Bridgend team. Over the years, Gabby has helped at our Cowbridge office and always showed a passion and interest in the property market. She is a very hard-working and enthusiastic individual and we know she will be great with our clients."

HRT recently celebrated its first anniversary in Bridgend. Since opening in 2014, the estate agent has gone from strength to strength and is now the fastest growing estate agents in Bridgend. It has also shown its support and commitment to the local community by sponsoring a number of initiatives, which include Mair's Walk, Jam in the Castle and Oldcastle Primary School's PTA.



ITU lead nurse Miranda Williams with Andy Fleming, Linda Fleming's brother.

Father and son's £2,300 in memory of Linda

THE father and brother of a young woman from Pyle who passed away in Morriston Hospital have raised more than £2,300 in her memory.

Linda Fleming, who had lupus, died in Morriston's Intensive Therapy Unit in 2012, aged just 29.

As her father's side of the family live in Yorkshire, that was where she was buried.

This summer, her dad Bill and brother Andy retraced her final journey from Morriston to Bradford, to raise money for the ITU and Lupus UK.

The gruelling 250-mile ride took them 40 hours to complete, with just a little food and sleep along the way.

With the help and support of family and friends they raised £2,340 to be divided equally between their two chosen causes.

Linda, from Pyle, worked as a scuba diving instructor and business owner in Bali, Indonesia.

Although there are various forms of lupus, the term is usually used to describe the most severe form – systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

This causes the immune system to attack and inflame healthy cells, tissue and organs.

Linda was diagnosed with systemic lupus while in her early teens, attacking her immune system, her liver and

kidneys before giving her a heart attack, which left her in a coma.

Although she came around, giving her family hope, sadly she died on March 24, 2012.

Andy said Linda was treated with professional care in the weeks up to and including the last moments before she passed away.

He added: "The ITU unit had an absolutely wonderful team who provided my sister with every possible treatment they could."

Morriston ITU lead nurse Miranda Williams was on duty the day Linda was admitted and remembers her.

She added: "We are always grateful to receive donations such as the one we have had from Andy and his father."

"We have an endowment fund, which we use to buy equipment for patients or to improve facilities for visitors."

"We also use it for education, sending nurses to conferences and courses which are held outside the health board, to broaden their knowledge and improve practice within the unit."

"At the moment we are looking to improve facilities for relatives going through bereavement."

"We have two small rooms which we use to break bad news to people, and we want to make these rooms more comfortable."

Clare runs up cash to help out dementia patients...

OCCUPATIONAL therapist Clare Noble has been doing her bit to improve resources for dementia patients at Bridgend's Princess of Wales Hospital where she works.

Clare ran the Cardiff Half Marathon and has raised £379 so far for wards 21 and 15, the hospital's older adults' acute psychiatric wards.

It was Clare's first half marathon and she completed the course in a respectable time of one hour 54 minutes.

The money she raised will be used towards resources for the wards, such as sensory latches and locks boards and red tableware to improve the ward experience for patients with dementia.

It will also support the sensory garden on Ward 15, which Clare and her fellow OTs use with patients from wards.



Clare, ready to run again!

Clare would like to thank everyone who sponsored her and is looking forward to taking part again next year to raise more money for the wards, and has already convinced her colleague Liz Arter to join her.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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05 Thur	00.53	7.7	13.31	7.8
06 Fri	02.05	7.8	14.36	8.0
07 Sat	03.18	8.1	15.32	8.4
08 Sun	04.06	8.5	16.24	8.9
09 Mon	04.48	8.9	17.07	9.2
10 Tues	05.25	9.3	17.41	9.4
11 Wed	05.58	9.5	18.12	9.6
12 Thur	06.31	9.7	18.48	9.7

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Two Bridgend finalists are in line for a top award

TWO Bridgend-based organisations have been shortlisted for the prestigious Canmol: Wales Marketing Awards, hosted annually by CIM (The Chartered Institute of Marketing).

Both South Wales Police and STAEDTLER UK have landed a place in the final alongside some of Wales' branding giants, joining the shortlist of 22 impressive campaigns from across Wales.

Showcasing the wealth of marketing talent that Wales has to offer, the list of finalists features campaigns from SMEs as well as some of Wales' most iconic brands – proving that excellent marketing can be achieved on any budget.

With a mix of sector-specific category awards on offer alongside the coveted

titles of the 'New Marketer' – which is awarded to an industry newcomer – Canmol is a celebration of excellent business results achieved through innovative, creative and professional marketing.

Winners will be announced tomorrow during a glittering ceremony at Cardiff City Stadium, with one brand also due to be chosen as the 'Best of the Best', securing themselves a place in the UK-wide CIM Marketing Excellence awards in April.

International stationery brand STAEDTLER, which runs its UK headquarters from Bocam Park, used a chihuahua named Tyson at the heart of its campaign to boost sales of the firm's flagship triplus fineliner amongst a teenage audience.

The flamboyant character featured in a TV ad which debuted

during the brand's peak back to school period, while also fronting the triplus social media channels, advising teen followers on all things fashion, art and stationery.

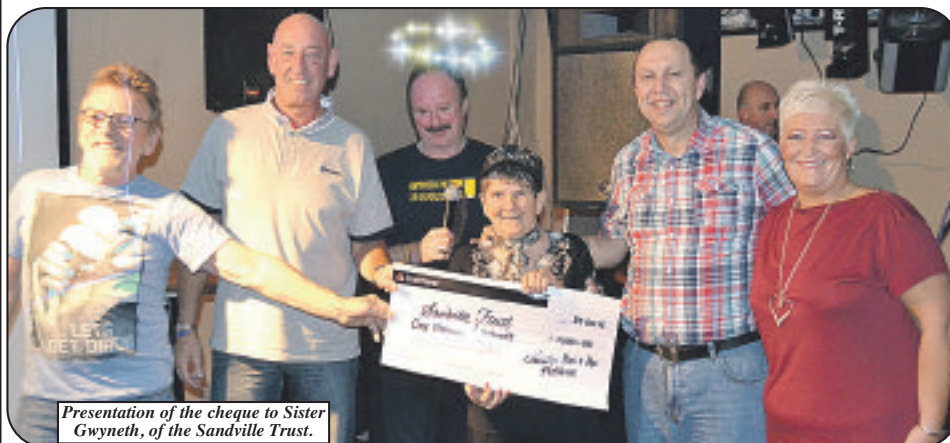
Rachel Woolley, marketing manager for STAEDTLER UK, said: "The Tyson Triplus campaign saw product sales increase by 15 per cent, while an audience of more than 16k teenagers was established online, building a new generation of STAEDTLER ambassadors."

"Canmol is one of the most reputable benchmarks of excellence within the industry, so to be announced as a finalist is hugely exciting. We're incredibly proud of the campaign and what it has achieved so far – hopefully we can celebrate even further come November!"

A panel of 11 business and marketing experts were responsible for judging the entries under the chairmanship of Dr Jonathan Deacon, South Wales business school, University of South Wales and trustee of CIM.

Also included among the finalists were: Cadw with Equinox Communications; Cardiff University; Janjar PR; Principality Building Society, and Tenovus Cancer Care.

TWO CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM NEWTON FESTIVAL



Presentation of the cheque to Sister Gwyneth, of the Sandville Trust.



THE organisers of the Newton Beer and Pop Festival presented a £1,000 cheque to Wales Air Ambulance, the proceeds of collections at the hugely popular event.

Another £1,000 cheque went to

Sister Gwyneth Poacher, the driving force behind the Sandville Trust, which has helped thousands in their times of need. She described the facilities at The Sandville and said this money would help them continue their fantastic work.

ABOVE:

Catherine, from Wales Air Ambulance equated the donation to a life saved and thanked everyone for their generosity, adding that she and her team had had a great time at the festival, too!

Shoppers are urged to 'know your rights'

LOCAL consumers and businesses are being urged by BCBC's Trading Standards Service to 'know your rights,' as part of National Consumer Week, (November 2-6), to empower consumers to shop with confidence.

Under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, goods must be as described, fit for purpose and of satisfactory quality. Consumer advice is available from the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 or for a service in the Welsh language, call 03454 04 05 05.

Lions continue their support for Porthcawl RNLI



RECENTLY, members of Porthcawl Lions Club presented Porthcawl RNLI with a cheque for £250 to mark its 50th anniversary, in appreciation of all they do for the town.

Porthcawl Lions are always conscious of the marvellous work these brave men do and have tried to support the station in the past and will, of course, continue to do so in the future.

The presentation was followed by coffee and Welsh cakes in the mess room, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. JC

Hammer brandished

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Jones admitted he had been drinking. He was said to have convictions for eight offences, including battery involving a woman and spitting in her face, and damaging the front door of a flat.

His solicitor, Rhodri Chudleigh, said: "He realises the offence passes the custody threshold. He wrongly believed his partner had been assaulted."

Added the judge: "Having a weapon in the street and brandishing it is serious."



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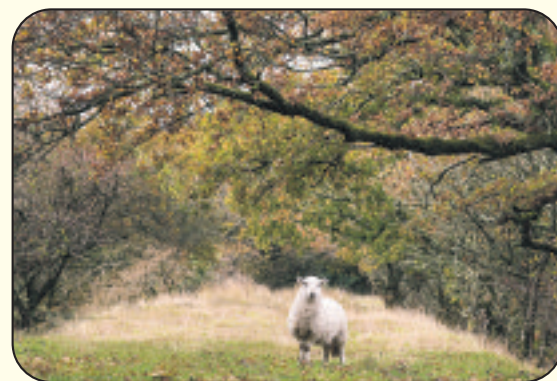
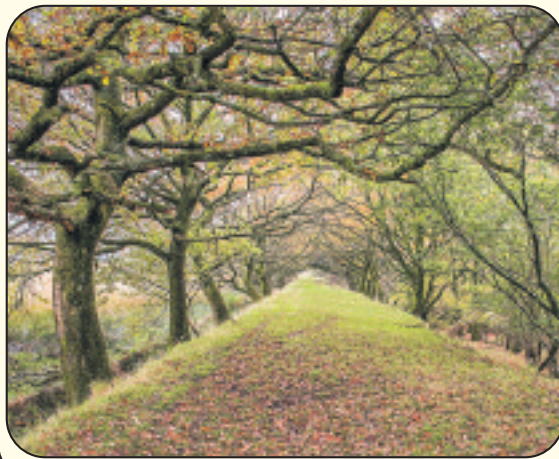
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Autumn beauty of the Ridgeway walk



SUE DOBBS captured these autumnal images during a walk along the Ridgeway Walk near Heol Lathog, Bridgend. Sue said: "The walk is a hidden gem, well hidden and very beautiful."

Liam takes the apprentice route to a top award

Liam receives his award from Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology, Julie James.



A SUCCESSFUL career change from personal trainer to engineer paid dividends for Liam Gill when he won a major honour at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2015.

Liam (26), who has found his "true vocation in life" working for Ford Motor Company, Bridgend, was named Apprentice of the Year at the high-profile awards ceremony held at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on Thursday.

"I really didn't expect that," he said after receiving his award. "It was an accomplishment just to get shortlisted and I can't believe that I've won."

"Changing my career was the best move I've ever made. I had been to university, but that didn't suit me and I only realised how good apprenticeships are when I started one. It has paid off massively and I'm so chuffed."

The coveted awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of those who have exceeded expectations, shown a dynamic approach to training and demonstrated initiative, enterprise, innovation, creativity and commitment to the improvement of skills development for the Welsh economy.

Jointly organised by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW), the awards are sponsored by Pearson PLC and media partner is Media Wales. The Apprenticeship Programme, led by the

Welsh Government, is supported by the European Social Fund.

Now working as a mechanical engineering apprentice with the Ford Motor Company, Liam is making quite a name for himself by coming up with new ideas that have saved the company more than £80,000 a year.

He attended Bridgend College in the first year, learning workshop skills, maintenance techniques and more. The second year he spent with the training department at Bridgend Engine Plant, with one day a week in college. Liam completed his apprenticeship in mechanical maintenance and Level 3 extend diploma in engineering maintenance with distinctions in all modules.

"I started my apprenticeship with Ford at the age of 24, older than most others on my course," he said. "I have always given my best efforts to achieve high standards and I wanted to set a good example for the younger apprentices."

"The training techniques and fault diagnosis included in the apprenticeship have

been superb and I will be able to use these experiences to take with me when I qualify. I have developed skills specific to my career in engineering as well as other, broader skills that will benefit my career."

He's now studying for a Higher National Certificate at Bridgend College and is also starting a degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering at Swansea University this autumn.

Who wants to be ambassador for the county?

BCBC and the Bridgend Tourism Association want to recruit 30 'ambassadors' to share their knowledge of the county borough with visitors.

Some could act as a point of contact for people planning visits, and share stories and holiday tips. Some may act as greeters at events while others may spread the word about what is special about the county

World War One plays for Remembrance

BRIDGEND Castle Players and Nantymoel Community Association are presenting their Armistice production: *The Prisoner's Friend*, a play by Peter Drake about the everyday lives and trials in the trenches of the Great War.

They will also perform *We Will Remember Them*, a play by Katherine Embling, portraying life in the trenches and its effect on those left behind on the Home Front.

The evening will include readings of actual letters from the frontline of the

theatres of conflict of World War One. There will also be some traditional songs / sing-along from the period.

The event will be held in Ogmore Vale Non-Political Club on Saturday, November 7. Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.

All proceeds will be donated to SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association), and the RAFA Wings Appeal, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Tickets are available from Bridgend Castle Players' website: www.bridgendcastleplayers.org or from the NCA coffee shop at 8 Ogwy Street, Nantymoel.

137 affordable new homes built in borough

A TOTAL of 2,702 additional affordable homes, including 137 in Bridgend, have been delivered since April 2011, as latest figures reveal the Welsh Government has achieved 91 per cent of its target to provide 10,000 additional affordable homes across Wales this Assembly term, with over a year to go.

"In 2014 - 15, 2,218 affordable homes were delivered across Wales, bringing the total number provided since 2011 to 9,108. The data is a clear signal the Welsh Government is on track to surpass its ambitious target by May 2016," a spokesman said this week.

Festive card design deadline

TIME is running out for anyone interested in entering Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones' Christmas card competition, which closes on November 6.

The competition is

open to all primary schools in his Bridgend constituency and First Minister Mr Jones has been sifting through a "significant amount of entries" already received.

The winner will not only have their design made up as Mr Jones' official Christmas card but will also be invited to the Assembly for a tour.

The winner will also receive a framed copy of their winning design. As Mr Jones' official Christmas card, it will

then be sent out to local businesses, volunteer groups and politicians.

Mr Jones said: "Looking at the entries received so far, there is a huge amount of talent and there has been a lot of effort and hard work gone into creating the designs."

"It has made my task of judging the entries incredibly difficult. I have already received a lot of entries and the standard is very high. It is a shame that there can only be one overall winner."

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Children's Choir

ON Saturday, November 21 the Maesteg Children's Choir will hold a concert to celebrate 30 years of music and friendship at Maesteg town hall.

The first meeting to form the choir was held on November 17, 1985 at the hall and three weeks later, the choir gave its first public performance at the Salvation Army town carol concert.

Musical director was Enid-Sian Hughes and accompanist was Mrs Beatrice Alsop-Jones (Enid-Sian's mother). Who would have thought that 30 years later the choir would be celebrating this milestone?

During this period over 300 children have been involved in the choir and to mark this special occasion, they are inviting former choristers to take part. Please contact Enid-Sian Hughes.

Well done!
I WAS pleased to receive a telephone

call from Pat this week, informing me that the recent bazaar at Blackmill Community Centre had raised for the Welsh children's cancer charity, LATCH, the incredible sum of £900; the generosity of the public in this area always amazes me.

The charity was formed in 1982 by a group of families and friends who recognised that the children diagnosed with cancer or leukaemia and their families not only needed medical support, but also social and welfare support to ease the huge financial and emotional burden placed on families.

At that time, the children's oncology unit was at Llandough Hospital, in Penarth.

The first major project LATCH embarked upon was the building of parent accommodation in the grounds of Llandough and this was opened in 1982.

In 2002, LATCH launched a successful campaign to raise £800,000 to build an extra storey on the new hospital building, to house parents' accommodation and a dedicated out-patient unit.

In 2005, the paediatric oncology unit

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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email: tyncoed1@yahoo.co.uk



relocated to the new children's hospital for Wales.

For more information telephone Pat on 01656 840226.

Christmas fair
THE recently-formed Bryncethin Women's Institute is organising a fair at Bryncethin Memorial Hall (opposite Bryncethin primary school on the A4063) on Saturday, November 14 from 3pm to 6pm.

There will be lots of goodies for sale, ideal for presents for Christmas, and Santa Claus will be in attendance.

The WI meets every third Thursday of the month from 6.45pm to 9pm at Bryncethin Memorial Hall; the next meeting is on November 19 with a Christmas-themed sugar craft demonstration by Nicola Roberts.

To contact Bryncethin WI email: bryncethin.wi@gmail.com

m or mobile: 07938 746890.

Gardening club

LALESTON
Gardening Club held a Macmillan coffee morning on October 10, organised by the ladies' section under president Mrs Margaret Worgan.

It was very successful, and £911 was raised.

The club is holding a mince pie and coffee morning from 10.30am on Saturday, November 7 and meetings throughout autumn and winter on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

At the next meeting on November 9 there will be a quiz and social evening, to which everyone is warmly welcomed.

Festive coffee
NOTEWORTHY
Mixed Voice Choir, which was formed to raise money for cancer research is holding a

Christmas coffee morning on Saturday, November 14 from 10am to 1pm on the first floor, Hartshorn House (above Bowerington Arcade), Neath Road, Maesteg.

There is lift access available, and a number of stalls will sell homemade jams and chutneys etc. Admission is £3 which includes a drink and cake.

Churches' service

ABERKENFIG and District United Churches will be holding a Songs of Praise service at Nazareth Baptist Church, Bryncethin conducted by Rev Stephen Pare tomorrow (Friday, November 6) at 7pm; everyone welcome.

Tondu Primary

TONDU primary school invites carers of children in Mrs

Pugh's class Garw to share class assembly tomorrow, November 6 at 10.20am.

The following pupils took part in the recent primary schools cross-country competition at Bryntirion Comprehensive School: Ethan Baker, George Barry, Noah Barry, Imogen Merrett, Tia Richards and Emily Williamson who represented the school at this event.

The next cross-country event will take place on Saturday November 21 with the venue to be confirmed.

The first race will be at 10am - meet Mrs Russell there at 9.40am.

The school will be holding a session on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am in Heol Persondy building, Aberkenfig, for you to bring your child.

First Aid BRIDGEND

Communities First is organising a free First Aid course at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre on November 30 from 9.15am to 12pm and December 2 from 12pm to 3pm.

This is open to residents in a Communities First postcode Area who are able to attend for both days.

For more information telephone Jenny on

01656 643693 or 07815 525017.

Church services

ST DAVID'S Church, Wyndham will hold a Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 8 at 10.45am followed by a service for the fallen at Nantymoel Memorial at 12.15pm.

THERE will be a concert at St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid on Friday, November 27 at 7.15pm; tickets £5 obtainable from Kay on 01656 723512.

There is a silent auction for Cancer Research Maesteg at St Michael's and All Angels church, Maesteg on Thursday, November 12 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. There will be a large number of items on display and bids for each item will be in envelopes.

Concert

BOIS Goetre-Hen Male Choir is performing in a concert with Mynyddislwyn Male Choir at Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen, Heol yr Ysgol, Tondur on Saturday, November 14 at 7pm. The soloist for the evening will be tenor Jacob Lloyd Lewis. Tickets £3 available on 07976 420161.

Gwyl Cerdd Dant at the Grand Pavilion

WALES' biggest one-day festival is coming to Porthcawl this month and pupils from local Welsh medium schools are busy rehearsing.

More than a thousand children, young people and adults from all over Wales will be visiting the town on Saturday, November 14 to compete in a range of disciplines such as singing, folk dancing, instrumental solos and poetry recitals that are all accompanied by the traditional melody of a harp.

To find out more and to buy tickets for Gwyl Cerdd Dant, call the Grand Pavilion on 01656 815995.

Maesteg Gleemen

MYNSAWDRE Village Hall presents an evening with Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir on Friday, November 20 at 7pm. Admission £5 includes a homemade cake and tea or coffee. For tickets, call Mair on 01656 722115.

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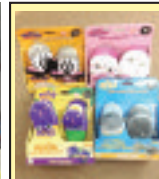


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Support for new railway link to Porthcawl

RAILFUTURE WALES and regional Conservative Assembly members Suzy Davies and Dr Altaf Hussain are supporting calls by the party's candidate in Bridgend for a feasibility study into the possibility of linking Porthcawl to the proposed Cardiff Metro system.

George Jabbar, who has a background in both engineering and investment, is campaigning for the Metro system to be extended west of Bridgend to include Porthcawl.

He said: "Porthcawl is a major tourist destination and it is vital it has proper transport links with other major towns across Wales.

"Porthcawl must be one of the largest towns in south Wales without a rail link and it's a shame that this was lost in the 1960s.

"The current plans published by Welsh Government propose only to link the town to the rest of the Cardiff Metro system by bus – which Porthcawl already has.

"I have urged Welsh Government to undertake a feasibility study into the possibility of linking Porthcawl to the metro system at Bridgend by other means that could include a light rail or tramway.

"Since launching this initiative, I have been inundated with messages of support and encouragement which only goes to show how important this issue is to local people.

"In addition, members of the public have highlighted to me the work of Railfuture Wales, who have put an incredible amount of effort into developing a plan for the railways in Wales.

"As a result, I contacted Railfuture Wales and met one of their members who supported my call for the feasibility study and highlighted that there is no reason why the proposed metro system should be limited to Cardiff and that there are other towns in south Wales that deserve railway links.

"Furthermore, I was delighted to discover that Railfuture Wales' latest report includes plans to link Porthcawl via railways to Bridgend and to Pyle."

Suzy Davies said: "Welsh Government should look at all the options available before making any decisions, so the feasibility study is necessary."

Dr Hussain added: "The Cardiff Metro system will be a massive investment in the future of public transport throughout the south Wales area. It is vital that communities on the edge of the Cardiff area, like Porthcawl, do not lose out."

THE annual Touched by Cancer walk took place on Saturday, October 31 (Hallowe'en), from the Kenfig Nature Reserve.

It was the sixth walk to take place to raise funds for local cancer charities Sandville, LATCH and Macmillan. To date, with the united efforts of walkers and sponsors we have raised £44,000.

It was a lovely day to walk; nature smiled kindly on us with sunshine all the way.

This year we had many walkers of all ages who turned up.

Included in these was the youngest walker, my great-grandson Talin, aged two.

Many young children walked dressed up in their Hallowe'en costumes, making it a colourful event.

Age was no barrier. A number of walkers were, like myself, well past retirement.

Many walkers brought their dogs to walk with them. It really was a family day out.

This year, we were privileged to have Madeline Moon, our local MP, walking with us, and our first Minister Carwyn Jones, although unable to take part, as in previous years put in an appearance to support us.

The Walk was launched by Paul Davies, World Champion Paralympic table tennis player.

The main sponsors were David Brace and Dunraven Windows.

The walk culminated in a hog roast. For this

we have to thank Gareth Mond of The Prince of Wales, Kenfig.

I would also like to thank Warburtons, who every year provide the rolls.

Finally, one big thank you to everyone who helped, and sponsored us to make it such a success.

I will be posting the final amount that has been raised as soon as all the money has come in.

COUN MEGAN BUTCHER

WI tastes Welsh food and drink!

THE October meeting of St Hilary WI was held in the village hall on Tuesday, October 13.

It was confirmed that a conducted tour of the Welsh Sennedd buildings had been arranged for Friday, October 23 and that all members were invited.

It was also agreed that members who were interested would meet at the Potting Shed Gift Shop, Llantrisant on Wednesday, October 28 for a browse with Christmas in mind and a light lunch.

Details for the Christmas dinner were finalised and the menu, to be catered again this year by Jane Morgan and her team, was agreed.

The speaker this month was Sian Roberts with a talk about Welsh food and drink with tasters.

Sian has a long association with Welsh food and she runs the

company Loving Welsh Food – Cardiff Tasting Tours.

Members were surprised to hear how many products there are here in Wales. Cider, perry, beer, wine and whisky are just a few of the beverages available, not to mention the pure, naturally filtered water which is bottled here.

Welsh cooking recipes have been handed down from generation to generation and are mostly aimed at families, being simple, nutritious and easy to cook.

Much of the land in Wales is ideal for animal rearing and there is a long coastline supplying sea food.

Sian is also hosting a new TV show, also called *Loving Welsh Food*, on the Made in Cardiff channel.

The evening finished with the usual delicious refreshments.

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The 'Touched By Cancer' annual walk in Kenfig

The Touched by Cancer walkers ready for the off!



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The catering team led by Adrian Morgan.



Ann, 'The Giant Pumpkin' on the Guess the Number of Jelly Babies in the Bottle stall.

Primary School inspection report is doubly 'good'

PORTHCAWL Primary School has received a very positive inspection report which rates both its current performance and prospects for improvements as 'good'.

Estyn inspectors report that the school has a "calm, positive and inclusive ethos", and found the quality of teaching to be 'good', with strong working relationships between staff and pupils.

The inspectors also recognised pupils' standards of speaking and listening, their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, and high standard of behaviour.

The school's prospects for improvement are 'good' because all members of staff work well together as a team, staff are managed and deployed well, while the headteacher provides a clear vision and has high expectations for the school.

It was noted by the inspection team that almost all aspects of school life focus on increasing pupils' achievements and improving their wellbeing successfully.

Partnership working was also judged as being a strong feature of the school's work, making a positive impact on

pupils' wellbeing. Headteacher Andrew Wood said: "We are pleased with the positive comments made by the inspection team, especially in identifying the many areas of strength within the school.

The report illustrates the effectiveness of decisions taken by the school to positively impact on standards through high expectations and promoting pupil engagement.

The report reflects the dedication of all staff in the school and I wish to take this opportunity to thank them, members of the governing body and the community of parents for their support in reflecting the successes of the school."

The inspectors also identified three areas for improvement in their report, recommending that the school should improve standards in the Foundation Phase, improve pupils' presentation skills in the Foundation Phase, and also make extended use of pupils' performance data.

The school will now draw up a post-inspection action plan to show how it will address those recommendations.



Organiser Coun Megan Butcher with guest Lady Dracula from Transylvania, North Cornelly.



The We Are Macmillan team.

News in brief

Tondu Art Society

THE winter exhibition of Tondu and District Art Society takes place at the Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF from November 7 – 10 from 10am – 6pm daily (Sunday, 11am-4pm).

Free entry, light refreshments, and a raffle.

Bridgend Remembrance BRIDGEND'S Remembrance Day parade and service will take place on Sunday, November 8.

The parade, led by the City of Swansea Pipe Band will muster outside the Civic Offices, Angel Street from 10.15am and make its way to the War Memorial, Dunraven Place for a service conducted by Canon WR Hanford at 10.50am where wreath laying will take place.

Bridgend Male Voice Choir and Lewis-

Merthyr Band will be in attendance.

There will also be a short act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am on Wednesday, November 11 when a two-minute silence will be observed.

For further information contact Bridgend Town Council on 01656 815757.

Tribannau at The Old House SPEND an evening with Twm Morrys, musician and poet at Ty Carnegie (Old Library), Wyndham Street, Bridgend CF31 1EF.

A bilingual sharing of the traditional poetry style of Glamorgan will take place on Friday, November 13 at 7.30pm; admission £4.

Also a tribute to Iwan Llwyd, from Carys Evans and Robert Minihinnick; for further information call Robert Minihinnick on 01656 773627.

HIGH SHERIFF'S YOUTH COMMUNITY AWARDS ANNOUNCE £1,000 CASH PRIZE



ABOVE: Hosts and guests attending the evening's presentation.



Jayne James with members of the Mid Glamorgan Scouts Association.

RIGHT: Anne Morgan, former High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan and Founder of the Youth Awards scheme, giving a welcome to the guests, before calling upon Jayne James, the High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, to make the evening presentation.



ABOVE: Jayne James with Chief Constable Peter Vaughan.



ABOVE: Jayne James with Radio Presenter Roy Noble

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KEITH E MORGAN**

THE Olive Tree Restaurant at Pyle Garden Centre was the venue for the re-launch of the High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan's Youth Community Awards.

South Wales Chief Constable Peter Vaughan, civic dignitaries, members of Mid Glamorgan Scouts Association, teachers and other guests enjoyed wine and canapés, while hearing more about the awards scheme and how it all began.

The founder, former High Sheriff Anne Morgan thanked the founding sponsors, Sony, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, the Deere family and Sheppard the Chemist and welcomed new sponsors, MS group, BMS and Miller Argent for their support.

Current High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, Jayne James explained that new sponsors and fundraising efforts meant that the first prize has now been increased to £1,000.

She explained: "Any young person or group between the ages of 11 and 21 who is doing outstanding work in the home, school or community can be nominated."

A new poster design and a simpler application form have been produced and the committee are hoping that the net can be thrown wider to find an even greater choice of worthy candidates.

It was announced that the Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, Kate Thomas, has agreed to be the Trust's patron and ambassadors, Roy Noble and Beverley Humphries would champion the Youth Community Awards.

For more information on the High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan Youth Community Awards, go to South Wales Police website. www.south-wales.police.uk.

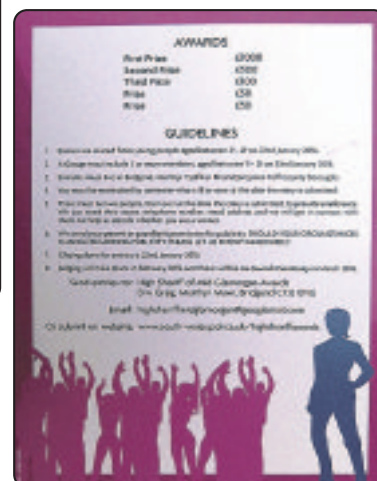


ABOVE: The High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan Youth Awards Committee.

LEFT: David and Rosemary Deere with Mary Squire, Clerk to the Lieutenantcy of Mid Glamorgan.



ABOVE: Jayne James gives a presentation describing the re-launch of the Youth Awards scheme.



Poster giving details of the revised Youth Awards Scheme



ABOVE: Anne Morgan with the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgend County Borough [Philip, please check] and Mary Squire, Clerk to the Lieutenantcy of Mid Glamorgan.

MARIE CURIE CHARITY'S HOSPICE WILL BENEFIT Welsh manager's Q & A fundraiser in the Vale...

WELSH football fans in the Vale have a unique opportunity to listen to coach Chris Coleman's views on Wales' prospects in the Euro 2016 next summer – and they'll be helping a great cause at the same time!

Penarth Conservative Club is hosting 'An Evening with Chris Coleman' at 7pm on Thursday, November 26 to raise funds in support of the work of the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth.

The event will begin with a question and answer session conducted by former BBC Wales journalist and current FA Wales team media officer Ian Gwyn Hughes.

It will be followed by an auction in which fans will get the chance to bid for a number of items, including a Wales shirt signed by the whole squad and a football signed by Real Madrid and Wales' winger Gareth Bale.

by a GEM
REPORTER



Fans can hear Chris Coleman's views as Wales look forward to Euro 2016.

After the auction and a refreshments break, supporters will be given the chance to question Chris on aspects of his playing and managerial career.

It promises to be a fantastic evening for sports fans, coming hot on the heels of Wales' successful Euro 2016 qualifying campaign, which will see them head to France next summer for their first senior football tournament in nearly 60 years.

The tournament runs from June 10 to July 10 next summer.

Sarah Hughes, community fundraiser for Marie Curie, said: "We are extremely grateful that Chris and the FAW are giving up their time to support the work of Marie Curie."

"This promises to be a fantastic evening where fans can celebrate Wales' recent qualification for Euro 2016 and look ahead to the tournament in France next summer."

"We only have a limited number of tickets available for this event and we are expecting them to sell out quickly, so I would encourage fans to book early to avoid disappointment."

Tickets for the event are priced at £20. All funds raised from the evening will support people living with a terminal illness, and their families, at the Cardiff & the Vale Hospice.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Sarah Hughes on 02920 426068 or email sarah.hughes@mariecurie.org.uk.

Friends show they care on Pink Sunday for Tenovus!



Adrian of Fox's Hairdressing with Jackie Thomas.



Zac Griffiths and Lewis Hodder.



Pat Hodder, Pat Aspey (manager) and Jackie Thomas.

VOLUNTEERS and Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care Porthcawl celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month with a 'Big Pink Sunday' lunch in the local RAFA Club on October 25, which raised £500 for the charity.

To everyone's amazement, Lewis Hodder and Zac Griffiths, both having lost close relatives to cancer, had dyed their hair in the summer and have passed their joint sponsorship of £350 to Tenovus.

Jackie Thomas, who has had breast

cancer, dyed her hair pink and raised over £1,100 in sponsorship in less than two weeks for the charity.

I want to thank all three for their kindness in taking on this challenge for Tenovus. Also, without the wonderful support of those who sponsored Lewis, Zac and Jackie, this would not have been possible.

Thank you so much to them and to Adrian of Fox's Hairdressing, Porthcawl, for dyeing Jackie's hair at no cost.

PAT ASPEY,
Porthcawl Tenovus
branch manager,

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RATION PACKS WILL HELP THE VETERANS

PLAID CYMRU Assembly candidate for Ogmore, Tim Thomas, has visited Bridgend-based charity Healing the Wounds, and given his support for a project supporting Welsh veterans in need of food supplies.

Project Ration Pack, which is run on similar scale to a foodbank, but is described as ration packs to reduce the stigma for armed forces veterans accessing the service, has been running since September.

In a further effort to reduce the stigma of asking for help, the ration packs are delivered for veterans by veterans and non perishable food is donated by a Tesco store based in Swansea Marina to the charity's base in Bridgend, where veterans across South Wales are receiving their help.

The charity understands the difficulty armed forces veterans experience in asking for help resulting in many servicemen and women finding themselves in hardship including over-representation in alcohol, drug abuse and unemployment.

Mr Thomas said: "I am fully supportive of this area of work that the charity is engaging in. Due to the severe



austerity measures of the Tory UK Government, many people are driven to require the use of foodbanks. There is sometimes a great sense of shame in accessing these services, especially from a proud group of people such as armed forces veterans.

"I applaud this innovative approach in reducing the stigma of reaching out for help by describing the support as a ration pack, something that servicemen and women would be familiar in receiving and having them delivered by service personnel themselves."

Healing the Wounds director Kevin Richards added: "The team at HTW were pleased to

have the support of Tim Thomas, who was genuinely interested in the work we do as a charity. We hope that from this meeting, HTW will be able to engage with many more veterans who will come forward to receive one of our Ration Packs.

"With the support of Tesco Swansea Marina, we are happy to be able to offer this service and believe that no veteran should have to struggle and go without a decent meal after serving their country; it's the very least we can do for them."

The charity is asking if anyone knows of armed forces veterans in need who can be referred to the service by contacting Healing the Wounds on 07714 622328 or emailing info@htwsupport.co.uk.

The Bridgend-based charity is also looking for volunteers to help distribute food supplies to people, regardless of whether they have served in the armed forces or not.

Council thanks photographers



First prize-winner Richard Craze with Coun Robert Lee. (Photos by MALCOLM NUGENT).

A SUMMER photographic competition in Porthcawl culminated in an exhibition in the Grand Pavilion.

The competition was sponsored by Porthcawl Town Council, and it was managed with the help of Pyle & Porthcawl Photographic Society.

The competition was judged by Nigel Nicholas, and prizes were presented at a recent town council meeting by the Deputy Mayor, Coun Robert Lee.

First: Harbour Reflection - Richard Craze.

Second: Sunset at Kenfig Pool - Glyn Edmunds.

Third: Fairground Ride - David Hopes.

Fourth: The Esplanade - Richard Hyde.

Fifth: Christmas Day Swim - Ben Evans.

Highly Commended: Untitled - Chris Jones;

Untitled - David Morgan;

Whiteout over Rest Bay - Joe Rhodes;

Untitled - Philip Harrowing;

Untitled - Sarah Watkins.



Sarah Watkins' image was also highly commended.



Glyn Edmunds took second place.



Chris Jones was highly commended.



David Hopes' photograph of a fairground ride took third place.



Joe Rhodes' photo of a snowy Rest Bay was highly commended.

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Ex-RAF man Selwyn on the hunt for his Welsh relatives

I AM Selwyn Auty, second son of Ada May Davies, and a grandson of Robert John Davies.

I was born on May 21, 1935 in Morley, West Yorkshire, and have lived for the last 30 or so years in Boston, Lincolnshire.

I trained as a Wireless Op and served in the Royal Air Force for 22 years. I finished up as a Sgt Special Op Telegraphy and have served at various times

in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Cyprus, between 1953 and 1978. I hope to be in Glyncoed for the Remembrance commemorations on November 8 and 11.

Services are being held on November 8 at St John the Baptist Church (AM) and the Noddfa Community Centre (PM).

A less formal commemoration will take place at the Noddfa Community Centre on the morning of November 11.

My grandfather, Robert John Davies died (as a result of the Gallipoli campaign) on that day in 1915, 100 years ago to the day.

My secondary aim is to try and find relatives (descendants of Robert John) whom I do not know, but would dearly like to know.

It would be wonderful to locate (and better still to meet) valuable additions to our family tree, during my short stay.

At this stage, I must acknowledge the tremendous amount of assistance I have received.

This includes the trustees and volunteers of Noddfa Community Centre, representatives of St John's Church and the Maesteg branch of the Royal British Legion.

Their support has been magnificent. I am hopeful that, with your help, the people of south Wales will turn up trumps.

My main focus will be on the families of: Clifford Davies (my uncle), and Malcolm Davies (my cousin).

Clifford Davies was born on May 3, 1906 at 12 Cwmcas, Glyncoed.

He married Annie May Jenkins on June 15, 1935 in the Register Office of Neath Reg Dist.

They had three children, Mair, John and Marion.

Mair was born in 1935, John was born either in 1937 or 1939, and Marion was born in 1941, all of them probably in Cymmer.

At one stage, probably the late 1940s, the family lived in Morley, West Yorkshire, where four of Clifford's siblings permanently lived.

This is where things begin to get more difficult, but hopefully where the good people of south Wales can help out. There are three Mair Davies's in the

Neath registration district over a five-year period.

Which one is my cousin Mair? She is my cousin (and I hope she still is) and we were both born in 1935.

So if we can find Mair's family, can we also find her grandchildren's and her great grandchildren's families?

A tall order, but I'm sure you can come up trumps!

Who then married Mair C live C Leyman in 1957, Roy Hinkin in 1958, David GB Price in 1961 (all in Neath Reg Dist)?

John Davies married Maureen Gravell in 1972 and lives in Canada. I believe there are no children.

Marion Davies married Gwyn Baitup in 1968, they have a daughter Tina Elizabeth born in 1968. (The only Marion I can locate so hope she is the one).

Malcolm Davies was born on October 20,

1920 at 26 Dunraven Street, Glyncoed. He was the only child of Daniel John Davies and Gwendolyn (Wyn) Davies (nee Baitup).

He served in the Royal Air Force during World War Two and I have been told at some time, that he had been a fighter pilot. Prior to military service he had been a colliery labourer.

He was married (while still in the RAF) at the Hebron, Mount Pleasant church in Cymmer to Hazel Parfitt on January 15, 1944. Hazel lived, before the wedding, in Duffryn.

Again, as with Clifford's family, the following names from birth registers (all from Neath Reg Dist) may not all be associated with my Malcolm. However, they all have Parfitt as mother's maiden name.

So once more we need to rely heavily on public response. As with Mair's family, there will be at least two more levels.

Here goes then, with the names:

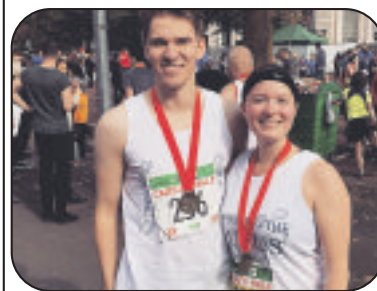
Keith Davies June Qtr 1947 (8b 765); Jean Davies March Qtr 1953 (8b 620); Hugh Davies Sept Qtr 1956 (8b 570); Ian Davies June Qtr 1961 (8b 673); Paul Davies June Qtr 1961 (8b 704); Angela Davies Sept Qtr 1963 (8b 733); Julian Maxwell Davies Sept Qtr 1967 (8b 692).

I shall be resident in the area from the evening of November 6 until departure on November 13. It really would be wonderful to gain some more family from my maternal grandfather's roots.

I have four married children, sharing 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The more the merrier!

GEM NOTE: If anyone has any information, they can contact Selwyn on 01205 356576, or sabw1@tiscali.co.uk.

HUW AND LAURA'S RUN FOR LUPUS UK CAUSE



LUPUS UK, the only national charity which supports and cares for people with Lupus, has received over £2,000 thanks to Huw and Laura Adams who took part in the Cardiff Half Marathon.

As you may recall, a few weeks ago the siblings had decided to take part to raise awareness and funds for Lupus UK because their cousin Elizabeth Hughes

has battled to live with systemic lupus, a chronic, debilitating and life-threatening illness of the immune system, for 19 years.

Lupus is a condition in which the body's defence mechanism begins to attack itself through an excess of antibodies in the bloodstream, causing inflammation and damage in the joints and muscles, and other organs such as the kidneys, heart, lungs and brain.

Rarely do two people have exactly the same symptoms. Elizabeth is very grateful to her cousins for taking on the challenge, raising awareness and money for Lupus UK. A BIG thank you to everyone who supported by sponsoring them!

The initial target was £500; this was quickly exceeded thanks to the generosity of family, friends and members of the public. To date they have received a phenomenal £2,277.09 through JustGiving, cash and cheques. **EH**

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Desert trek for Cancer Research Wales charity

VALE-BASED weather presenter Ruth Wignall and celebrity fashion designer Julien Macdonald, have both signed up for the Cancer Research Wales Sahara Golden Trek – an epic nine-day fundraising challenge across the Sahara Desert, to mark the charity's 50th anniversary on March 12, 2016.

Merthyr-Tydfil born star Julien and Cowbridge presenter Ruth will be joining fundraisers from across Wales to trek 84km in 40 degree heat by day and camping out under the stars by night, when the temperature often drops below freezing.

Last year's challenge saw trekkers of all ages from across Wales raise more than £30,000 for



Ruth Wignall



Julien Macdonald

Cancer Research Wales, which the charity hopes to exceed this year as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations.

Cancer Research Wales is Wales' only independent cancer research charity, funding pioneering, world-class local research in Cardiff. Every donation made goes directly to teams of leading scientist to fund their lifesaving work.

Ruth Wignall explained: "I think it is

fair to say I have so many reasons for signing up to this trek. Five years ago, my Dad was diagnosed with cancer – a healthy 60 year old, it came out of the blue. We weren't expecting it. But he is here today, alive and relatively well, because cancer is no longer the death sentence it once was. And that is because there are people like those at Cancer Research Wales.

"I've not done anything like this before, and this makes it all the more special. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I intend to enjoy each and every moment of the journey."

Anyone wishing to join Ruth and Julien and support Cancer Research Wales in their golden anniversary year, can sign up for the Sahara Trek by visiting www.cancerresearchwales.co.uk/sahara or call 029 2031 6976.

A NEW report by RSPCA Cymru highlights a number of key welfare issues surrounding wild animals.

The term 'wild animal' means different things to different people, but the RSPCA class 'wild animals' as all those that are not normally domesticated. The list ranges from badgers to nesting birds, and includes pet snakes and elephants in captivity.

Polling from RSPCA Cymru, as part of a new report, reveal that the majority of people in Wales support an outright ban of snares, a ban on keeping primates as pets and a ban on wild animals performing in circuses in Wales.

Some of the top line insights of the report were:

Polling from RSPCA Cymru found that 74 percent of the public support a ban on wild animals performing in circuses in Wales after hearing

that other European countries have banned animal performances in circuses.

RSPCA Cymru found that 72 percent of those polled in Wales support a ban on the keeping of all primates as pets and recommends that the keeping of primates as pets is banned.

RSPCA Cymru recommends that there is a need for more funding to investigate the trade in exotic pets in Wales.

The RSPCA recommends that sanctuaries (known as animal welfare establishments, 'shelters', 'rehoming centres' or 'wildlife clinics/hospitals') – which are not regulated – need a system of registration or licensing by the local authority.

More than 1,000 campaign actions have been taken by RSPCA supporters in efforts to get local authorities to ban sky lanterns – which pose a danger to wildlife, farm animals and pets. So far 14 out of the 22 local authorities have

implemented a ban on their land.

RSPCA Cymru recommends that only an outright ban on the use of snares in Wales meets the expectations of the public to ensure high animal welfare standards are reflected in our laws.

RSPCA Cymru found that 72 percent support a ban on all snares for all animals in Wales.

Assistant director external relations – Wales, Claire Lawson, said: "Our polling clearly shows that the majority of the Welsh public support change when it comes to improving wild animal welfare."

"Wild Animal Welfare Indicators intends not only to benchmark and demonstrate 'where we are' with wild animal welfare in Wales; but aims to be thought-provoking, encourage change and make recommendations as to how improvements can be made."

RSPCA place the spotlight on wild animals' welfare

'Welfare reforms will create fairer system' says MP

WALES Office Minister Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, on a visit to Bridgend Jobcentre on Monday, said: "Government welfare reforms are designed to create a fairer system where people are always better off in work than on benefits."

"For far too long, welfare dependency blighted many communities in Wales. But that is changing. I am delighted that Universal Credit is now being rolled out in more locations across Wales so that even more people can be supported to escape welfare dependency and benefit from the security of a regular wage," he added.

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'Winter flu jab is a must'

WITH winter almost upon us, I'd like to remind your readers about the importance of having a winter flu jab.

Older people over 65 and people with health conditions such as diabetes; respiratory problems; heart or kidney disease, are automatically eligible to have the flu vaccination for free.

The winter jab is the best protection we have against flu and it is important for people with existing conditions, as they could find their illness is complicated (or made worse) if they catch the winter virus.

I would also recommend that anyone who cares for an older or disabled person should have the vaccination, to make sure that the people they are looking after are protected as well.

Please speak to your GP or practice nurse at the earliest opportunity to make an appointment for your winter flu vaccination, which is available for free on the NHS for people who qualify.
ANGHARAD PHILLIPS, Health Initiatives Officer and Spread the Warmth Co-ordinator, Age Cymru.

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Branch Manager Phil Powell feels that it's all about service. "Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although

that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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£7,000 BOOST FOR TY HAFAN HOSPICE FROM VALE RESORT



Rich Williams, Wendy Collie and Dan Lansdown at the Vale Resort.

STAFF at the Vale Resort in Hensol are celebrating raising more than £7,000 for a Welsh children's charity by hosting a number of sport-themed fundraising activities.

The resort raised a total of £7,127 for Ty Hafan, one of its nominated charities of the year, by hosting a golf day and donating proceeds raised at official WRU corporate rugby hospitality events.

Donations from guests at the resort's Six Nations hospitality events kicked-started fundraising activities for Ty Hafan earlier this year. Further funds were raised when 64 golfers took to the Wales National

course, accompanied by a team of four fathers from families that had been supported by Ty Hafan, to bolster the final total raised for the charity.

Dan Lansdown, golf sales executive at the Vale Resort, said: "We've previously supported Ty Hafan and the fantastic work it does for life-limited children and their families across Wales, and so choosing it as one of our charities of the year was an easy decision for us."

"During our charity golf day, we were privileged to hear from two dads of the children who are being supported by Ty Hafan. Listening first-hand to the stories that each of the families had been through was very moving and put into perspective

the importance of the work that Ty Hafan does, and the positive impact it has on people's lives during very difficult times."

Wendy Collie, business and community fundraiser at Ty Hafan, said: "The Vale Resort has been a longstanding supporter of Ty Hafan and we're thrilled to receive such a generous donation from them again this year."

"In order to provide our specialist one-to-one care and outreach services, we need to raise more than £3.7 million every year. Without the support of our fundraising partners, like the Vale Resort, we would never reach this ambitious but vital target. We're extremely grateful for their continued support."

JJ, and his story – in a town near you!

WELSH rugby legend JJ Williams will be venturing on a book signing tour across south Wales this month and in December.

The autobiography is co-written by award-winning journalist and broadcaster Peter Jackson, who has lived in Wales since 1964, and whose previous books include *Triumph and Tragedy*, *Bread of Heaven*, *Lions of Wales* and *The Iron Duke*.

Now fans have the opportunity to meet the man himself – and grab an early Christmas present.

The dates are as

follows: Saturday, November 7: 11am at Waterstones, Swansea; 2pm at WH Smith, Bridgend.

Saturday, November 14: 10.30am at Victoria Bookshop, Haverfordwest; and 2pm at Waterstones, Carmarthen.

Saturday, November 21: 10.30am at WH Smith, Cardiff.

Saturday, November 28: 11am at WH Smith, Llanelli.

Saturday, December 5: 11am to 12pm at Chepstow Bookshop, Chepstow.

Support session for Parkinson's

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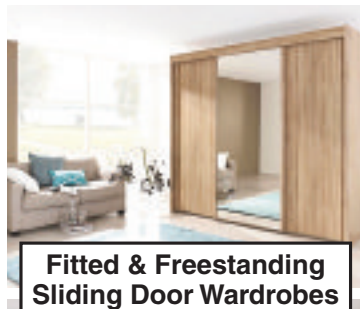
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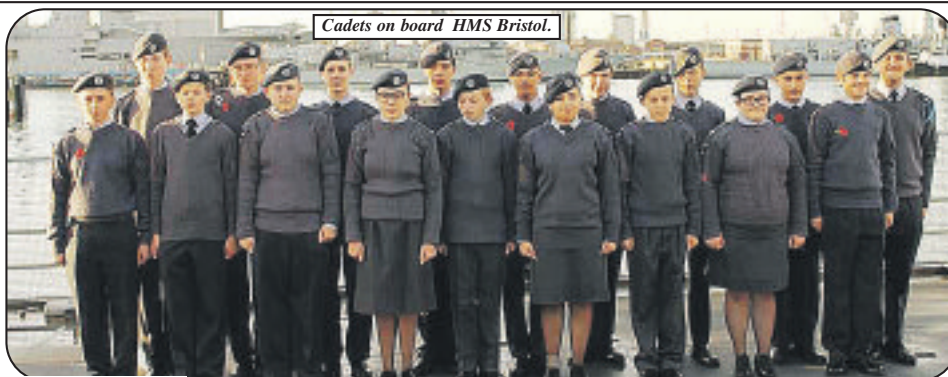
EIGHTEEN Royal Air Force Air Cadets and three staff from No3 Welsh Wing of the Air Training Corps have returned from a week's camp at the Royal Navy base on Whale Island, Portsmouth.

It was totally different from visiting an RAF station, as they were all accommodated on board HMS Bristol, a Type 82 destroyer (flagship of the Falklands task force).

It meant that triple deck bunks and limited space, together with numerous ladders, were a real challenge!

The varied, interesting and very tiring camp programme covered numerous visits and activities designed to give the Cadets a different view of the Navy, Army and RAF during the action packed week.

Cadets and staff alike enjoyed visits to action stations with all its simulators, HMS Victory (flagship of the Royal Navy), as well as a harbour boat tour. They also attended the Royal Naval air station at Yeovilton, and the tank museum at Bovington and had the opportunity to view a fire and movement display of armoured vehicles that, for many, was one of the highlights of the week.



Cadets on board HMS Bristol.

Cadets also visited Southwick Park, home to the defence training school for service police and saw the famous map room, where the decision to 'GO' for the D-Day landings was made in 1944 by General Eisenhower.

Camp Commandant Flt Sgt (ATC) Gould said: "This has been an excellent week's camp, with a multitude of interesting and valuable activities for our Cadets. I am sure they will all have many exciting experiences to remember."

The Cadets and staff would like to thank the following as without their support this opportunity would not be possible: Wicks Van Hire, The RAFA Club, Porthcawl; Services Club, Porthcawl; Royal



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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

History Society

THE next meeting of Dinas Powys Local History Society will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7.30pm in Kynance Hall and there will be a talk on 'Lever Brothers' by Mrs Pamela Robson.

A fee of £1.50 for members and £3 for non members will be charged. All welcome; contact 02920 513524 for further information.

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group meets on Tuesday, November 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm-9pm.

The speaker will be Dr L George, Consultant Physician in General Medicine, Diabetes and Endocrinology, and will host a diabetes question and answers session; all welcome.



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ABLEWORLD, the UK's leading mobility company, is delighted to announce the opening of its latest store in Bridgend.

A spokesman explained: "Our Bridgend store will be the second to be launched by our Cardiff store owner James Studdart and co-owner Conway Davies.

"Both James and Conway have had great success in offering quality mobility products at fantastic prices in the Cardiff area and Conway in the Gloucester area and they now hope to provide the same support and help to Bridgend."

Both directors have undertaken Ableworld's extensive and rigorous training programme so that they can assess customers correctly and provide the right solutions for the variety of customers' needs they will face.

The Bridgend store is located within the Bridgend Shopping Centre (opposite Wilko's), Brackla Street, Bridgend, and is easy and convenient to reach.

The spokesman added: "From spacious premises, Ableworld offers customers a wide selection of quality mobility and homecare

products. A local store, staffed by local people is often the place to go for the best service and that is certainly the case here, but Ableworld is also the place to find the keenest prices and enjoyable shopping experience.

"The store stocks a very wide range of products including larger items such as mobility scooters, wheelchairs, adjustable beds and recline chairs but also many smaller items to help with day to day tasks.

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Home Optika make visits in your area

THIS amazing organisation aims to provide eyecare services and products, including eye tests, to those who struggle to leave the house unaccompanied due to medical, physical or mental reasons.

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NEW BUSINESS WINS THE BRIDGEND MAYOR'S VOTE!

A LOCAL hairdresser, has put her 'best foot forward' by starting a new business venture.

Lorraine Evans owner of Klipz Hair Design and Beauty, has recently opened a room at her salon that now specialises in foot treatments, including toenail cutting, filing and polishing, debriding of corns, verrucas and calluses, removal of ingrowing toenails, repairing of cracked heels and thinning of thickened toenails.

Lorraine said: "I have set up a foot clinic at the request of my clientele, who have had difficulty in finding someone qualified to attend to their feet."

Lorraine qualified this year as a Foot Health Practitioner – S.A.C. Dip Advanced, SAC Dip Theory Distinction, VTCT.

The Mayor of Bridgend, Mr David White, said: "I have undergone foot

treatment in the form of an ingrowing toenail at Klipz Foot Clinic and was very pleased with the result and will be a returning client of

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Lorraine, who is enjoying her new venture also specialises in Tai Foot Massage, and is planning to

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There are some great colours around this season: team a lovely knit from Bianca, Poppy Emreco or Olsen with a perfect-fitting trouser, cords or jeans add a lovely cape or poncho for a perfect layered look – comfort dressing at its best!

We are turning our attention to outer wear; we have wonderful coats

for all occasions – from biker jackets from Olsen to lovely waxed jackets from Junge; beautiful knitted jackets for crisp autumn days, and faux fur gilets and coats for a touch of glamour!

We are approaching the party season, so it's time to get the LBD sorted! We have a fab selection of day dresses from Poppy, Emreco and Olsen in lovely colours and shapes, and for a more glamorous evening look, dresses from Gina Bacconi, Bianca and Pomodoro with elegant sequins and luxury lace – what more could a girl want?

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Hair Crew @ Ewenny makes impressive debut

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The decor is warm and inviting, and the team of passionate and creative stylists and beauticians make this the place to come for all your hair and beauty needs.

Having taken over from an existing salon, the new owners have totally transformed every part of the business, from branding to service.

The customer reviews since opening two weeks ago have been outstanding.

The business has been reshaped from a customer viewpoint. It now offers a range of booking methods – by calling the salon, social media, or on the website.

The owners have created the perfect surroundings that enable all their clients to feel relaxed in a friendly and welcoming salon. With free parking outside the salon, what more could we ask for?

Their services are varied – from all hair and colour services to massage, spray tans and nails. You'll even be treated to one of the best coffees around!

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Family fun as Peppa Pig, brother George & Co make a big splash!

SINCE 2004, young and old alike have delighted in the antics of the precocious Peppa Pig, her little brother George and all their animal friends.

When kids' TV is this well-loved, it can be problematic to transfer characters successfully from screen to stage, yet the cast at the New Theatre in Cardiff excelled themselves with their latest adventure, Peppa Pig's Surprise!

It was not the first time that the brightly animated Peppa, George, Mummy and Daddy Pig have been officially presented to the limelight, and it follows an earlier adventure, Peppa Pig's Big Splash. Without having seen its predecessor, the show seemed very well-constructed as far as this reviewer is concerned.

All-singing, all-dancing (the 'all' including audience members, who – judging by the noise that was made – certainly had as much fun as we did), the show was heavily interactive in many ways, including front row seats getting rather wet!

Our two young children (who were the most important critics present, of course) enjoyed the show immensely as Peppa and George's bath time, bedtime and family time in the little red car were all magically brought to life in colours true to the animated TV series with well-matched character voices also.

Mummy and Daddy Pig were "the right size" according to my six-year-old, and the presence of a few black-clad puppeteers behind smaller characters did nothing to spoil the illusion for my toddler.

The family unanimously agreed that the best part of the show was also the calmest – a beautiful glow-in-the-dark peek into an enchanting rock pool, complete with musical accompaniment, that had everyone in our section of the theatre totally spellbound.

We'd definitely jump in several muddy puddles to come again, with or without our boots on!

SARAH FISHER

Welsh medium storytime

AMSER STORI sessions that are being held free of charge in Barry and Llantwit Major, are suitable for children up to four years old.

Amser Stori is a great way to increase children's awareness of language, pre-reading skills and vocabulary from a very early age, through popular Welsh nursery rhymes, and songsheets are distributed to also encourage parents to take part in the sessions as much as possible.

The response to these new Amser Stori sessions has been great, with over 50 families now attending and enjoying this lively session of story and song on a weekly basis.

"I wasn't sure if this Storytime would be suitable for my child as she is only nine months old, but since going to the first session in September we haven't missed a single week. My daughter enjoys it so much – Ceri is entertaining and makes every character come to life.

"As there is a new Welsh-medium school in Llantwit Major I feel that a group like this is invaluable to the area. Thanks to Amser Stori my daughter is making friends with children who will attend the same school as her in a few years.

"I haven't spoken a lot of Welsh since leaving school, so it's also a great help for me to make sure I don't lose the language – it's so important for me to practise too before sending my daughter to Ysgol Dewi Sant." (Nia, Lola's mum)

and there are many new families joining – some are non-Welsh speaking but are planning to send their children to the local Welsh primary school. I have two other daughters who are 10 years older, and at that time there weren't any Welsh sessions for us to attend, as is available now. This is thanks to Menter Bro Morgannwg." (Rhianon Morgan)

The sessions are held weekly during the school term, at Barry Library every Tuesday 10.30am-11am, and at Llantwit Library every Thursday 10.30am-11am. There is no need to book ahead – just turn up and have fun!

For more information, contact Ceri at ffion@menterbromorgan.nwg.cymru, 029 20689888.

Sesiynau amser stori newydd

MAE'R sesiynau yn rhad ac am ddim, ac yn addas i blant 0 i pedwar mlynedd oed.

Mae Amser Stori yn ffordd gwych o godi mwybyddiaeth a sgiliau ieithyddol plant o oedran ifanc iawn, trwy hwangerddi a chaneuon poblogaidd Cymraeg, ac mae taffenni yn cael eu dosbarthu i'r rhieni i'w hannog i gymryd rhan yn y sesiynau hefyd.

Mae'r ymateb i'r sesiynau Amser Stori newydd yma wedi bod yn wych, ac erbyn hyn mae dros 50 o deuluoedd yn mynychu a'n mwynhau'r sesiynau hwyliog o stori a chan yn wythnosol. "O'n i ddim yn siŵr os bydd Amser Stori yn rhy hen i'r baban achos dim ond naw mis yw hi, ond ers mynd i'r sesiwn gyntaf yn mis Medi da ni heb golli un wythnos. Mae fy merch fach wrth ei bodd ac mae Ceri mor ddifyrus ac yn gwneud pob cymeriad i ddod yn fwy.

"Achos bod 'na ysgol Gymraeg newydd yn Llanilltud Fawr dwi'n teimlo bod grŵp fel hyn yn amhrisiadwy i'r ardal. Diolch i Amser Stori mae fy merch fach yn gwneud ffirndiau efo plant sy'n mynd i fynychu'r un ysgol.

"Dwi heb siarad llawer o Gymraeg ers gadael yr ysgol, felly mae'n help enfawr i fi hefyd i wneud yn siŵr dwi byth yn colli'r iaith – mae'n hanfodol i fi ymarfereto cyn anfon fy merch i Ysgol Dewi Sant." (Nia, mam Lola).

"Ers cael fy merch fach, mae'n braf gallu mynychu amrywiaeth o sesiynau babi. Aethon ni i amser stori yn Llanilltud Fawr, a wnaethon fwyhau yn fawr iawn. Mae'r arweinydd yn llawn bywyd, yn amlwg yn brofiadol ac yn mwynhau. Mae'n amlwg bod y sesiwn yn boblogaidd yn y gymdeithas oherwydd roedd yna lawer o deuluoedd arall wedi ymuno- rhai di-Gymraeg ond sydd am i'w plentyn i ddechrau'r Ysgol Gynradd newydd yn y dre. Mae gen i ddwy ferch arall sy'n 10 mlynedd yn hŷn, a doedd gen i ddim ydewis o sesiynau Cymraeg fel sydd ar gael nawr. Diolch i Fenter Bro Morgannwg mae hyn."

(Rhianon Morgan)

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Es i yno yn ddiweddar ar ddiwrnod hyfryd o hydref i brofi'r fwydlen Cinnio Sul. Mae'r bwyty ynghudd, oddi ar y brif ffordd, sy'n egluro i boblogrwydd â chwsmeriaid lleol. Mae'r adeilad yn adleisio bwyta 'auberge' yng nghefn gwlad Ffrainc, ac mae'r decor yn gynnwys a chartrefol.

Pete - o'r Eglwydd Newydd - yw meistr y tŷ, ac efe sydd yn eich cyfarfod a'ch tywys i'ch bwrdd. Fe gyflwynodd blatiau bach o fisedi parmesan i ni gael sawru gyda glasiad o win. Fe archebais i salad eog wedi'i ffigu'n boeth a gafodd ei weini a â lemnw, dil a crème fraîche. Saig gyntaf ysgafn, amheutun a blasus dros ben oedd yn syml, ond hynod effeithiol.

Tanlinellwyd gallu'r chef â phrif gwrs yr hwyaden â saws Cumberland, llawn blasau ffrwythau'r hydref. Roedd y cig - o stondin Gary Anthony, ym marchnad Caerdydd - o ansawdd gwyb, a cafodd ei weini'n binc, oedd at fy nant i. Ynghyd â moron a thatws rhost, cyflwynwyd stwnsh mwstard a meipen, wnaeth weddu'n berffaith i'r pryd.

Trwy ryw ryfedd wyrth, do'n i ddim yn rhy llawn i brofi pŵd adnabyddus y bwyty. Bu canmol ers blynyddoedd i fondue siocled The Huntsman, felly fe'i archebais ar y ffôn o flaen llaw! Ystyriwch fi'n orffwyll, os hoffech chi, ond does dim byd gwaeth gen i na chael fy siomi - ac roedd y saig yn sicr werth ei sawru!

Welais i erioed fondue siocled ar fwydlen yng Nghymru o'r blaen, ac roedd hwn yn brofiad arbennig. Fe'i gyflwynwyd ar ffurf platiau o felysion amrywiol, gan gynnwys marshmallows, mefus, bananas a bisgedi amaretti. Teimlais fel brehines wrth estyn ffordd i'r siocled cynnes o wlad Belg - fel Cleopatra yn derbyn grawnwin gan forwyn! Byddai'r fath bŵd bendigedig yn codi'r galon dros fisoedd y gaeaf, ar achlysur fel dŷ Santes Dwywen neu ddathliad pen-blwydd.

Toc cyn gadael, ces i sgwrs ddymunol â Hilary a Pete, i'w longyfarch ar lwyddiant eu bwyty. Mae Hilary yn grediniol mai'r bwyd syml a thraddodiadol sy'n denu'r cwsmeriaid dro ar ôl tro. Gwibiodd ffasiynau heibio dros y blynyddoedd a fu, o nouvelle cuisine i ffenomenon y gastropub. Ond does dim byd gwell na bwyd cartre go-iawn - heb fynd i'r drafferth o'i baratoi eich hun!

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Mae teithio ar y cardiau i chi Aries, pam na ewch chi am wyliau gaeaf? Ewch a mwynhewch. Neu falle y bydd rhywrai'n teithio o bellafoedd daer i ymweld a chi.

TAURUS:

Ddylech chi ddim cael problemau ariannol y mis hwn, felly mwynhewch eich cyfoeth, ond mae dyddiau llwm i ddod, felly rhowch gildwrn yn y cadw-mi-gei ar gyfer diwrnod glawig.

GEMINI:

Mae na fil eitha sylweddol ar ei ffordd i chi, gobeithio fod gyda chi ddigon ar ei gyfer! Mae hon yn gyfnod ardderchog i wneud gwaith ar y tŷ, peintio, papuro, adeiladu - mwynhewch!

CANCER:

Rych chi fel rheol yn ofalus iawn ynglŷn â gwneud newidiadau sylfaenol i'ch bywyd, ond mae'r sêr o'ch ochor chi ar hyn o bryd, ac yn barod i'ch helpu i wneud newidiadau cyffrous iawn.

LEO:

Mae hon yn addo bod yn gyfnod ramantus, ond da chi ceisiwch peidio a gorwario, a pheidiwch a phrynu dim byd yn fyrrwyll, achos mi fyddwch siwr o ddifaru'ch enaid.

VIRGO:

Mae cyfnod creadigol iawn o'ch blaen chi. Mae gyda chi llawer mwy o hyder yn eich gallu ar hyn o bryd, a fe gewch chi gyfle cyn bo hir i synnu sawl person dylanwadol gyda'ch talent.

LIBRA:

Mae'r sefyllfa gartre braidd yn ansfyddlog - falle eich bod yn bwriadu symud ac wedi cael eich siomi, ond na phoenwch siom dros dro fydd hi, fe ddaw'r cyfian yn iawn cyn bo hir.

SCORPIO:

Ceisiwch gadw'ch trwyn yn lân a chadw draw oddi wrth unrhyw broblemau cytundebol neu gyfreithiol y mis hwn. Peidiwch ag arwyddo unrhyw ddogfen swyddogol os na fydd raid.

SAGITTARIUS:

Mae hwn yn fis prysur iawn i chi, a dyma'r cyfnod prysura'i gyd, o'r braid fydd eich traed yn

cyffwrdd â'r llawr.

Cymrwch ofal o'ch iechyd, a gofalwch eich bod yn cael digon o gwsg.

CAPRICORN:

Mae cyfnod o waith caled o'ch blaen chi, gwaith ymyddol, a llawer o ddysgu ac astudio. Daliwch ati, ac mi fyddwch yn siwr o elwa ar eich canfed cyn bo hir.

AQUARIUS:

Mae hi'n gyfnod ffafriol iawn i faterion y galon ar hyn o bryd, ond peidiwch a rhuthro'r sefyllfa chwaith, a gofalwch na fyddwch yn llosgi'ch bysedd trwy fod yn rhy feiddgar.

PISCES:

Byddwch amyneddgar a daliwch eich tafod am y tro, gan fod cwerlya yn yr awyr, ac rwy'n ofni taw chi fydd yn gyfrifol am ddechrau'r cwerly - os na wneudwch chi fy nghyngor i!

EIRY PALFREY

NEIRIN YW PENCAMPWR TENIS DAN 8 CYMRU

Mae gan Gymru bencampwr tenis newydd. Yn ddiweddar fe enillodd Neirin Gilani o Benarth gystadleuaeth cenedlaethol tenis yng Ngogledd Cymru i ddod yn bencampwr dan 8 oed Cymru.

Mae Neirin, sy'n ddisgybl yn ysgol Pen y Garth yn aelod o glwb tenis Penarth Windsor. Dros yr haf fe aeth y teulu i fyny i Wrecsam i gystadlu yn y twrnament lle bu tua 30 o chwaraewyr o rannau eraill o Gymru yn cystadlu yn yr adran dan 8.

Meddai ei fam, Bethan: "Rhaid i mi ddweud ei fod wedi chwarae yn dda iawn, yn gystadleuol ac o safon." Roedd yn rhaid iddo chwarae 4 gêm rhagbrofol yna aeth drwodd i'r rowndiau terfynol, saith gêm i gyd.

Arhosodd y teulu am noswaith arall oherwydd i Neirin rhoi tro ar gystadlu yn yr adran dan 9 oed, ac er ei fod yn ifanc iawn i chwarae ar y safon yma, daeth yn drydydd.

"Roedd hwn yn fwy o gamp yn fy llygaidd i," medd Bethan. "Dwi'n credu fod y 'pressure off' gan ei fod wedi ennill y diwrnod cynt, oherwydd wnaeth chwarae yn bert iawn - enillodd 6 gêm o'r bron i gyrraedd y gêm gyn derfynol - heb ollwng un set ar y ffordd. Ond rhaid i'r glory days ddod i ben rhywryd. Fe ddaeth yn erbyn chwaraewr anhygoel o Ogledd Cymru yn y semi-final a cholli." Rhaid chwarae un gem arall wedyn yn y rownd ail gyfle a llwyddodd i ennill y gêm mewn dau set i gael y 3ydd lle.

Rob Wedlake, yw prif hyfforddwr clwb tenis y Windsor. "Mae cynnydd Neirin wedi bod yn arbennig o dda o ystyried taw dim ond dwy flynedd mae wedi bod yn chwarae. Mae ganddo ddawn ac mae'n ymroddgar dros ben. Llongyfarchiadau mawr iddo," meddai.

Meddai ei fam balch, "Profiad anhygoel i fachgen ifanc - ac yn ad-daliad am yr holl oriau caled o ymarfer mae a wedi gwneud dros y flwyddyn diwethaf. Ry ni'n mynd ati i ymarfer bob wythnos - gyda hyd yn oed cwpwl o sesiynau cyn ysgol, sydd yn hyfrif fel riant i gael fod allan o'r tŷ erbyn 6.30 y bore - ond does byth cwyn yn dod o Neirin - mae e jest yn dwli chwarae!!!!" GWENDA RICHARDS

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Del Toro's gothic horror fails to Peak interest...

GUILLERMO DEL TORO has struggled to get projects off the ground in recent years. Having been hired to helm *The Hobbit* films, Del Toro had to leave the project due to the amount of time it was taking to get the scripts into shape, while his adaption of HP Lovecraft's *At The Mountains of Madness and Pacific Rim 2* have both been postponed (perhaps indefinitely).

One film Del Toro has managed to make is *Crimson Peak*, a gothic horror set in the late 19th century.

Mia Wasikowska is Edith, a young woman who falls for Sir Thomas Sharpe (Tom Hiddleston) and marries him, being swept away to his remote mansion that he shares with his sister, Lady Lucille (Jessica Chastain).

Able to communicate with the dead, Edith soon discovers that the mansion has its share of spooky secrets, and that monsters that stalk the halls may not just be the dead...

While Guillermo Del Toro has confirmed himself as one of the visually arresting directors working at present, his English language films have never matched the invention and style of the likes of *Cronos*, *The Devil's Backbone* or *Pan's Labyrinth*.

In the English language Del Toro seems to prefer working in the broader medium of blockbusters with the likes of *Blade 2*, *Pacific Rim* and *Hellboy* and its sequel; all solidly entertaining, but not a patch on his Spanish language material.

This loose rule of thumb applies to *Crimson Peak* as well, a

big-budget, gothic horror film that looks absolutely stunning, creates atmosphere and mood, but squanders this with a story that plays out predictably, never taking a diversion into the unknown.

The charge that it isn't scary is something of a moot one (the real horror, in a neat parallel with the story, comes from the actions of the human characters rather than the ghosts), although shock fans may well feel shortchanged.

Instead, through the visual medium, Del Toro creates a gothic horror wonderland, the oppressive mansion that Edith, Thomas and Lucille live in teeming with red clay that is the key to the family's fortune and symbolic of the blood that has been shed there throughout the years.

In terms of creating a mood and tone, Del Toro gets it spot on, while his ability to create set-pieces of tension, and the wonderful use of real actors as ghosts, augmented with CGI, gives the film a strong visual identity.

However, the story fails to match these heights; it creeps with the sense of predictability, played archly and almost campy, as if we are to assume that the sense of knowing is played for irony.

That it clearly isn't, and overplays the big reveals that you can see coming a mile off, drastically takes the sheen off what Del Toro is trying to achieve here.

The cast fill their roles with aplomb, but again don't really shine any more than you would expect them to; Mia Wasikowska has played the innocent caught up in strange



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incidents far too many times now (*Alice in Wonderland*, *Stoker*), Tom Hiddleston does dashing, Byron-esque chivalry concealing a dark heart in his sleep, and Jessica Chastain is more than capable of playing the quietly malevolent puppet master.

All fine actors, all playing to type, and while that's no great issue, they, and the material, don't really extend past what you would imagine, while Charlie Hunnam's curious dentist, on the trail of the siblings in

order to save Edith, sees the actor simply adopt a variety of quizzical expressions and offer up empty heroism (a fault of the script).

By the time the film ends you're left with a strong feeling of what might have been; there is no questioning that Guillermo Del Toro can create these fantastical worlds and indelible visual imagery, but *Crimson Peak* just lacks any real bite and depth to resonate.

As an exercise in style it's a success - as a horror film, it feels a little shopworn to convince.

VERDICT - A disappointment given the talent involved, *Crimson Peak* looks stunning but lacks the substance to make for a great film.

The direction of Guillermo Del Toro is the star here, the performances solid but hardly stretching, but the weak and predictable story ultimately undoes what could, and should, have been so much better.

Average.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Pan's Labyrinth* (2006), *Sleepy Hollow* (1999).

What's On IN BRIEF

Auction at St John's, Sully
THE Church of St John the Baptist, Sully is holding an auction this Friday, November 6, at 7pm.

The auction will take place in The Old School, South Road and viewing is from 6pm onwards. All proceeds go to the upkeep of church and churchyard.

Entrance is free, but buyers must provide their own transport - whatever they bid on!

Art and craft group
LLANTWIT MAJOR Art and Craft Group invite you to their pre-Christmas winter coffee morning this Saturday, November 7, from 10am to 12 noon at the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

As well as coffee and cake for the adults, there will be a children's craft corner, Santa's Sack and the opportunity to write a letter to Santa. Cake stall, raffle, seasonal music and craft stalls. Come and join in the fun!

Iolo Park litter-pick
COUN Richard Bertin of Court ward, Barry invites volunteers to help with a litter-pick at Iolo Park on the Treharne estate on Saturday, November 7 from 10.30am (weather permitting).

Gloves, bags, pickers

and vests will be provided; for more information call Coun Bertin on 01446 736227.

Mayor's coffee morning
THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian is holding a charity coffee morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour at the town hall this Saturday (November 7) in support of Prostate Cymru and the young people's Motivational Learning Trust (MLT). All are welcome.

St Helen's church bazaar
ON Saturday, November 7 St Helen's Church, Barry will hold their annual bazaar at the Barry Memorial Hall.

Doors open at 1.30pm and entry is 50p. Cakes, bottles, gifts, refreshments, toys and games, raffles, bric-a-brac, jewellery, china and glass and - Mother Christmas! Something for everyone.

MP's surgery
VALE MP Alun Cairns will be available at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Friday, November 13 from 10am to 11am.

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Roll of Honour for Great War to be unveiled at local school



Earl Angove and his family.



Ernest Denman.



Samuel Pearse, VC.

WHEN the National School in Penarth closed, the memorial to its 21 former pupils who had died in the Great War, which had been unveiled and dedicated on July 9, 1920, was lost.

As the school was one of the antecedents of the present St Cyres School in Penarth, headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks wanted to ensure that the names of these former pupils were remembered.

He explained: "We resolved to commemorate the centenary of the Great War by producing a contemporary memorial to our former pupils to ensure that their sacrifice would not be forgotten."

"The original memorial was of oak, but working with school staff Wendy Hicks, Damian Parker and Simon Watts, we have produced a replacement memorial in keeping with our new modern building, in a format that the pupils of this school can connect with, while still respecting the traditions of the past."

I hope that this will be seen as a fitting tribute to men who gave their lives for us."

The new roll of honour will be unveiled and dedicated on November 11 at 11am. A pupil of St Cyres will represent each of the names commemorated and will talk about each man at the ceremony.

A digital book of the men's lives and service has been created by Wendy Hicks and Nick Alford, and will be shown on the school's screens during Remembrance week so that pupils, staff and visitors will learn more about the individual stories behind the names.

Among the names of the fallen are the following:

Earl Malcolm Angove was a private with the 8th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. He was the son of Edward and Mary Angove of 50 Arcot Street in Penarth and latterly the husband of Gladys Angove of 37 John Street in Penarth. Earl played rugby for Penarth.

He was an engine cleaner with the Taff Vale Railway Company before joining the army and had already served as a volunteer with the 2nd Glamorgan Royal Garrison Artillery, joining the Territorial Army in April 1908, aged 17, before being discharged after a year.

The 8th Welsh were a service battalion of pioneers. They were formed at Cardiff in August 1914 as part of K1 and attached to 40th Brigade in 13th (Western) Division.

They moved to Salisbury Plain and were at Chisleton in October

1914. They then went into billets in Bournemouth in December.

In January 1915 they were converted into a Pioneer battalion to same division and moved to Aldershot in February 1915.

They embarked at Avonmouth on June 15, 1915 and landed at ANZAC cove in Gallipoli on August 5, 1915. In December 1915 they were part of the mass evacuation from Gallipoli and went to Egypt via Mudros. In February 1916 they moved to Mesopotamia.

Earl died of smallpox on February 5, 1918, aged 27, in Mesopotamia and is buried in a cemetery in Baghdad.

Daniel Vivian Davies of 13 Plassey Street served with the 8th Battalion of the South Wales Borderers, though he was initially posted to the Royal Horse Artillery and the Royal Field Artillery.

Formed at Brecon on September 14, 1914 as part of Third Kitchener Army and attached to 67th Brigade, 22nd Division, the battalion moved to Seaford but by December 1914 was in billets in St Leonards. It returned to Seaford in April 1915 and moved to Aldershot by the end of May.

Daniel landed at Boulogne on September 6, 1915 but sailed at Marseilles on October 10 for service in Salonika. The British and French sent some 150,000 men to assist the Serbian Army in their fight against the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians.

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Thomas was killed, aged just 19

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After a cold, wet winter the British Army advanced north towards Lake Doiran and the River Vardar. There were no pitched battles but many raids and diversions.

As the weather warmed there were enemies – flies, dysentery and malaria. There were often hundreds of men sick on a daily basis.

The battalion was ordered to raid a Bulgarian outpost on Flat Iron Hill in the summer of 1918. This was about a thousand yards from the British line and protected by two substantial belts of wire. The raiders, six officers and 100 men, carried Bangalore torpedoes which were tubes full of explosives to be pushed under the enemy's wire.

The Bangalore exploded, creating gaps through which the raiders rushed – just as the Bulgarian barrage came down. The raiders bombed several dugouts and after 20 minutes withdrew with a loss of only two men killed and nine wounded.

Daniel was killed in action on July 13, 1918 aged 24. He lies buried in Karasouli Military Cemetery in Greece.

Ernest Denman was the third mate aboard the *SS Narragansett*, a 9,196 gross ton tanker with her engines amidships. She was built by Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. of Glasgow/Greenock, in 1903 for the Anglo-American Oil Co. and was the largest and

fastest (11 knots) tanker afloat at the time.

On May 7, 1915, she was attacked by a submarine south of Ireland, but the torpedo missed. However, she sank with the loss of all hands (Captain plus 45 crew) on March 16, 1917 when she was hit by a German torpedo.

The vessel was sunk by German U-Boat *U-44*, commanded by Paul Wagenfuhr, about 400 miles west of the Scilly Islands. Her final voyage was from New York to London, carrying a cargo of lubricating oil.

Ernest was the son of Emily Denman of 32 Grove Place and had been born in Penarth. He is commemorated on the Tower Hill memorial in London.

On Aug 2, 1917 the *U-44* was rammed by *HMS Oracle* off southern Norway with the loss of all hands.

George John Chatterton Jolliffe was the son of Charles and Mary Jolliffe of 92 Windsor Road in Penarth; he served with the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment).

Born in 1886, he emigrated to Canada and became a farmer before joining the Canadian Army in December 1914 in Winnipeg. He was unmarried.

On February 8, 1915 the battalion was mobilised for war. The men sailed from England aboard the *SS Blackwell*, bound for France.

Their first taste of action came later that month, on 19 February,

when they entered the trench system at Armentieres.

By early April, the 2nd Battalion were in the area of Ypres, Belgium, and soon found themselves involved in the Second Battle of Ypres.

It was on April 22 that the battalion first saw the horrors of German gas attacks. They were in reserve positions several kilometres behind the French line when they witnessed a large number of French Colonial (Algerians) streaming away from the front lines. These men were dropping in convulsions of vomiting.

It was apparent the 2nd Battalion was heading for no ordinary fight. The battalion was moved up to the area of St Julien-Kitchener Woods to help stop the German advances made after the gas attacks.

Over the course of

the next three days the 2nd Battalion, along with a number of battalions, would fight in the brutal Battle of St Julien (a part of the Second Battle of Ypres).

By the time the 2nd Battalion was relieved and withdrawn, they had lost close to 400 men, 162 of them wounded – well over half of the battalion.

George was killed, aged 29, on May 8, 1915 and is commemorated as one of the missing on the Menin Gate.

Thomas William Maunders was 19 when he died of wounds on October 31, 1918, just 11 days before the armistice was signed.

The son of William and Lizzie Maunders, he was serving with the 2nd Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment.

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NEVER FORGOTTEN:
The memorial to Samuel Pearse in Mildura, Australia.

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Penarthian's Victoria Cross!

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During September of 1918 the 2nd Worcesters were part of the force charged with crossing the St Quentin Canal. At 5.30am on September 29 the guns behind the 33rd

Division opened fire and the battle began, the main attack on the right starting 20 minutes later.

Scrambling out of their trenches, the Worcestershire platoons advanced as rapidly as possible through a storm of German shells, but the rain of the previous days had converted the shattered ground into deep mud and the laden troops could not keep up with the barrage.

As soon as the

British shells ceased to burst, the German machine-guns came into action, one after another. In all, seven machine-guns appear to have opened fire and under the hail of their bullets the attack withered away.

Through the smoke of the shell-bursts the platoons in rear saw their comrades in front collapse, but they pushed on in their turn only to meet a similar fate.

All the platoons of the two leading companies had been shot down and the majority of the two support companies had fallen before the survivors came to a halt halfway to the road and took cover as best they could.

Thomas was probably wounded during this attack and he died two days later. He is buried in Terlinthun British Cemetery in Wimille which was used for burials from base hospitals.

Buried in the same cemetery is **George Henry Love**, who served as a gunner in 'C' Battery, 50th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He died of his wounds on October 31, 1918 in Boulogne, just over a week before the Armistice.

Samuel George Pearce is one of two Penarthians to have won the Victoria Cross. He was born on July 16, 1897 at Penarth. In 1911 his family moved to Victoria in Australia.



George Love.

He joined the Australian Army in July 1915, aged 18, and served at Gallipoli, the Battle of the Somme and at Passchendaele.

Pearse had a chequered military career, being court-martialled and reduced to the ranks, going absent without leave on

several occasions, was wounded on the Somme and yet, as part of the 1st Machine Gun Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force he won the Military Medal during the fighting around Passchendaele (the Third Battle of Ypres).

He was discharged from the army in July 1919 but joined the 45th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers who were then ordered to Russia. The North Russian Relief Force had been formed to protect allied supplies which were being sent to the White Russian forces then engaged in a struggle against the Russian revolutionaries of the Red Army.

On August 29, 1919, north of the village of

Emtsa, a village on the Archangel to Vologda railway line, he cut his way through enemy barbed wire under very heavy rifle and machine gun fire.

He thus cleared a way for the troops to enter an enemy battery position.

Seeing that a blockhouse was holding up the advance, Pearce charged the blockhouse single-handed and despatched the occupants with grenades, before being killed a few minutes later.

He is now buried in the Obozerskaya Burial Ground and is also commemorated on a special memorial in Archangel Allied Cemetery and one in Mildura, Australia.

'ANIMALS DON'T START WARS, BUT THEY SUFFER FROM THEM'

AS Remembrance Day approaches, it is important to remember that war is not just a human catastrophe.

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Animals also suffer in laboratories across the globe.

Animals such as monkeys, rats and guinea pigs are used to test weaponry and made to suffer the devastating effects of chemical warfare agents.

Farm and companion animals are also victims of war. When the bombs start to fall, and people

flee, the animals are left to take the brunt of the bombing.

Animals do not start wars and they do not create weaponry, yet because humans do, they are made to suffer in war zones and in laboratories.

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can do for them is to remember those animals for what they truly are: victims not heroes.

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Tod Bradbury, Campaigns Team, Animal Aid.

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Grace (15) represents Great Britain in mounted games



Grace Dalton.

GRACE Dalton (15) from St. Brides Major, and a pupil at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, was selected for Great Britain to compete at the International Mounted Games Competition in Washington DC during July.

Grace was selected from hundreds of Pony Club members from all over the UK.

The team comprised of Grace from Wales, who has been riding for the Llangeinor Pony Club since she was six years old, Courtney Wray

from Northern Ireland, Nick Tougher from Southern Ireland, Will Thirlbey and Zack Mallalieu from England.

The philosophy for this international event is not just about the competition but also aims to promote a m b a s a d o r s h i p, education and a cultural experience the children will remember for the rest of their lives. It rotates between Great Britain, Australia, USA and Canada on an annual basis.

The team flew to Washington DC and met up with the members of the opposing teams. They enjoyed two weeks of sightseeing and fun

together before the competition began.

They visited many famous attractions including The White House, The Lincoln Memorial and several of the Smithsonian Museums. They then travelled around the state of Virginia visiting the battlegrounds of the American Civil War, Chesapeake Island, and Potomac River to name just a few.

The competition was held at Lexington Horse Grounds, Virginia and consisted of 16 events.

Canada took an early lead in the competition with Great Britain and Australia close behind.

At the halfway stage Great Britain and Australia had started to pull away but remained neck and neck until the very last game; unfortunately Great Britain finished runners-up to Australia, losing by just one point.

Grace was first selected to represent Wales at the age of 12 and has competed in Italy, France and Ireland.

Her highest achievement was being selected for the Wales Pony Club team to compete at the Royal Windsor horse show on two occasions.

In 2013 Wales came runners-up to England but in 2014 they avenged the defeat and brought the Windsor Cup back to Wales for the first time in 11 years. The Queen and Prince Phillip watched both finals with Prince Phillip presenting the awards to the team.

Grace has recently been selected to represent Wales at the World Team Under-17 Mounted Games Championships, which will be held this month at the HITS Arena, in Ocala, Florida, USA.

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ONE of point-to-point racing's finest riders has hung up his riding boots.

He's the Vale's James Tudor, who has ridden 252 winners between the flags and a further 34 under rules.

In Wales, only Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn has ridden more point-to-point winners and his total of wins is 270.

I have had the pleasure of reporting on Tudor's success, just like I had reporting on Llewellyn's, ever since he rode his first winner in 2000, and The GEM's headline then read 'Cowbridge schoolboy rides first winner'.

I went on to say: 'James Tudor (16), a pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, notched up his first winner in only his second ride at the Vale of Clettwr Hunt steeplechases, winning division three of the maiden race on former hurdler Mecca Prince, owned and trained by his grandfather, John Tudor.'

'James, from Wick, had his first ride half an hour earlier in division two of the maiden, in which he pulled up on Spot On Millie.'

'This promising young rider is following a family tradition - his father, Willie Tudor, was a well-known rider on the Welsh point-to-point circuit in the 1970s.'

James has been associated with some good horses and these include Unmistakably, on which he won the Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire Hunt Steeplechases in 2006.

His Cheltenham winners include Mr Spodge, Bon Accord, which gave him his 100th win, High Hatton and High Chimes, on which he won the Kim Muir Chase at the 2008 National Hunt Festival meeting for Llancafnan trainer Evan Williams, who, like James, is a former national champion point-to-point rider.

James won the title in 2007 and while most of his wins were probably outside of Wales - he was South Midlands champion when riding for Alan and Lawney Hill - he did win the Welsh championship on one or two occasions.

One thing is certain the sport will be a lot poorer for his absence.

BRIAN LEE

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THE South Wales Warriors American football team have announced the details for their open try out days in preparation for the 2016 adult (aged 18+) season.

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For more information contact swwarriors@hotmail.com; the club is also on the web at www.southwaleswarriors.co.uk and on Facebook and Twitter.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4055 HARBOUR ROAD (CAUSEWAY), BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2015

On the 5th November 2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 6th November 2015 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 6th November 2015 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area of the A4055 Harbour Road (Causeway) from its junction with St Nicholas Road to its junction with Paget Road Barry.

In addition, the Order known as "The Vale of Glamorgan (A4055 Harbour Road, Barry) (40MPH Speed Restriction) (NO.29) Order 1998" shall be suspended for the duration of this Order.

Reason To allow for the construction of a new footway and cycle lane.

Duration From 6th November 2015, for a maximum period of 18 months or until the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 5th day of November 2015

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps Depot, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN 2015 ([SARN] YR A4055 HARBOUR ROAD, Y BARRI) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA [DROS DRO])

Ar 5 Tachwedd 2015 bu i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg gyhoeddi Gorchymyn, yn unol â'i bwerau o dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd 1984 a'i holl bwerau gweithredu eraill, ac effaith hyn fydd i'r gweithredoedd a ddisgrifir yn yr atodiadau isod gael eu cyflawni.

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ATODIAD 1

1. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru cerbyd modur nac yn caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gynt na 30mya yn y lleoliad a enwir yn Atodiad 2 isod.

ATODIAD 2

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01061/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Proposed detached dwelling with integral double garage
Location/Lleoliad:	Site at Boverton Road, Boverton
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Boverton
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01157/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Proposed development of 19 affordable dwellings, with associated landscaping and engineering works
Location/Lleoliad:	Land off Wick Road, St. Brides Major
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	St. Brides Major
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01203/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Change of use from photographic studio to Tattoo Studio
Location/Lleoliad:	Dawson Strange Photography Ltd., 3, Windsor Arcade, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Penarth

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01045/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Change of work from residential accommodation to offices. Minor work required to install IT and electrical cabling for sockets and lighting. A false ceiling will also be installed. A door lock will also be required for the existing kitchen door
Location/Lleoliad:	United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St. Donats
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade I

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01157/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Proposed development of 19 affordable dwellings, with associated landscaping and engineering works
Location/Lleoliad:	Land off Wick Road, St. Brides Major
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting The Old Vicarage, Grade II
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01163/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Proposed alterations to existing house and outbuildings
Location/Lleoliad:	Keeperes Cottage, Lower Porthkerry, Porthkerry Road, Rhooose
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Lower Porthkerry Farmhouse, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01157/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Proposed development of 19 affordable dwellings, with associated landscaping and engineering works
Location/Lleoliad:	Land off Wick Road, St. Brides Major

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01061/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Proposed detached dwelling with integral double garage
Location/Lleoliad:	Site at Boverton Road, Boverton

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01152/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig:	Erection of five detached dwellings, new access and associated works (including demolition of existing garage)
Location/Lleoliad:	Land at Higher End, Llantwit Road, St. Athan

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Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 5 November, 2015

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football skills and to inspire them.

"We have more opportunities for the children in the near future to aid player development."

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Brian's blast from the point-to-point past – 1991

BRIAN LEE who will be celebrating half-a-century of reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing season when the new season shortly gets under way, takes another look at one of his many press cuttings scrap books, this time for 1991.

Officials and supporters of the Banwen Miners Hunt Point-To-Point at Rheola Racecourse, Resolven, Neath, can give themselves a big pat on the back. A few days before racing was due to take place, vandals destroyed two fences and completely damaged another before their chainsaw seized-up, causing some £2,000 worth of damage and putting the meeting in doubt.

Somehow the members managed to make good the damage and their efforts were rewarded with a record-breaking crowd who bought up all the racecards. Bill Evan's prolific *Timber Tool* was made an even money favourite to win the men's open race. But a bad mistake at the 14th nearly unshipped Tim Rooney and enabled Bridgend's Jon Tudor on *St Helen's Boy* to take over the lead and eventually win by three parts of a length from *Timber Tool*, who could not get to him on the run-in. The race lost some of its interest when Peter Bowen's *Radio Cue* came down at the second fence.

George Lewis's *Fieldsman* made nearly all in the running to win the adjacent hunt's race. Confidently ridden by Joe Price, *Fieldsman* was running for the first time since being injured in a fall several months ago at

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Pencader. A big disappointment was the favourite *Gold Shot*, who pulled up approaching the last fence having, excuse the pun, shot his bolt.

The first division of the maiden went to Mr and Mrs Ernest Harries's *Atlantic Swell*, who is trained by Bert Lavis of Simpson Cross. *Atlantic Swell's* rider, Jamie Jukes, is assistant trainer to Royston's John Jenkins.

Carmarthen's David Jones, having his first ride since being suspended by the Jockey Club six months ago, took the members' race on his father's *Bassett Boy*, who scored by a distance from the odds-on favourite *Vivaque*.

And under the heading 'Radio Cue Disqualified', I wrote: *Radio Cue*, owned and trained by Peter Bowen of Little Newcastle, was disqualified after finishing first in the adjacent hunt's race at the recent Llangeinor Hunt Steeplechases at St Mary Hill near Bridgend. This promising eight-year-old hunter left the paddock with a 12lb penalty for previous wins as per the conditions of the race schedule. But, apparently, his rider, Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn, was told that according to the conditions on the racecard the horse shouldn't have been penalised, so the race was delayed while he rode back and weighed out again this time without the extra weight.

But when Llewellyn weighed-in after the race, after beating Tim Rooney on *Gummetal Boy* in an

exciting finish, he was disqualified by the stewards after an objection by the clerk of the scales for not drawing the correct weight. The man who brought the notice of the officials is well known in West Wales point-to-pointing circles. (I have forgotten now who it was so perhaps John Llewellyn will be able to remind me!)

Bill Evans's *Timber Tool* made it a day Peter Bowen will want to forget as he beat his *Parkhridge* by a length in the men's open race after making nearly all the running.

At the Gelligaer Farmers' meeting at Llantarnam, Jon Tudor rode a clever race on the grey *Dewlinar* to land the adjacent hunt's race. He dashed the six-year-old into the lead approaching the 14th fence and was never headed. It was at this meeting that Emily Jones (19) of St Mellons, was the unluckiest rider of the day.

Riding her mother's seven-year-old brown mare *Severe Gale* in the maiden race, Emily made all the running to pass the winning post 10 lengths ahead of *Tregarth Magnus*. But on the run-in, her weight cloth came off and she was disqualified for not drawing the correct weight.

While at the re-arranged Tivyside meeting, Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed his second 'fourtimer' of the season when winning on *Parkhridge* (Adjacent), *Radio Cue* (Men's Open), *Woodlawn* (Restricted) and *Double Danger* (Maiden).

You can e-mail your point-to-point memories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.



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has recently launched an engaging new recruitment campaign that has caught the attention of the general public again, as well as celebrities and public figures.

The choir has produced a series of invitations and posters advertising its special taster session for potential new members which is to be held in the Barry West End Club on November 16 at 7.30pm.

To give potential new recruits an idea of why some of the current choir members have joined it in the last year, they spoke to THE GEM and explained what

happened...

Garth Davies, who features as Star Warrior in the club's recruitment programme, said: "I was always interested in joining a choir and last year's recruitment campaign was the nudge I needed."

"The choir is an awesome, friendly team. The sound we make is brilliant and I remember my first 'goose bump moment' was singing the Pilgrim's Chorus. I was sold. I wish I had joined the choir earlier."

"I'm sure there are many men in the area who would feel the same. We have to find them. They will be welcomed into a slick choir."

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BARRY MALE VOICE CHOIR

IN TUNE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



It's just like winning the Lottery!

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Steve James is highlighted as the choir's Shower Crooner.

"My interest in singing started with a school production of The Mikado at Glan Ely High School.

"Since then I have sung in the shower and at karaoke evenings and wherever anyone will listen.

"I have been encouraged by the friendliness and welcome of this fine body of men. I feel certain that my singing has improved."

Nick Meyrick is the choir's Mr Karaoke King!

Nick told The GEM: "I've always had an interest in Welsh male voice singing. I've been to many concerts and have shared in the choir's very good social life at home and abroad.

"Earlier this year my wife and I enjoyed a wonderful visit to Rheinfelden in Germany. Next Spring we are off to sing in Scotland and later in the year we will sing at the Royal Albert Hall London.

"I was persuaded to join the choir earlier than I intended and I'm glad that I did!"

Andy Parsons was dubbed Mr Calon Lan for the recruitment campaign.

"I was very disappointed not to have played in the World Cup but being a member of the Barry Male Voice has made up for it!

"I have learnt to pay more attention to posters. I missed the campaign but luckily spotted an old poster in a laundrette in Cadroxton. I made contact, went along to a rehearsal and haven't looked back."

One common theme among choristers is the feeling that they wish they had joined the choir earlier.

Mick Fisher said:

"Joining is something I should have done a long time ago. At the taster evening I was encouraged to participate without being pressurised.

"It was a most enjoyable evening which made me feel positive about joining the choir."

Paul Clemo had always been tempted to make the plunge.

"I've always enjoyed singing and the recruitment campaign gave me the nudge to actually do something about joining a choir. I'm so glad I made the effort."

Dave Veal had a remarkable 'conversion' to choir life.

A year ago, he had just moved to St Athan and was happily singing away in the shower.

His wife Ann dashed in from the kitchen, ordered him out and said "Listen to this!"

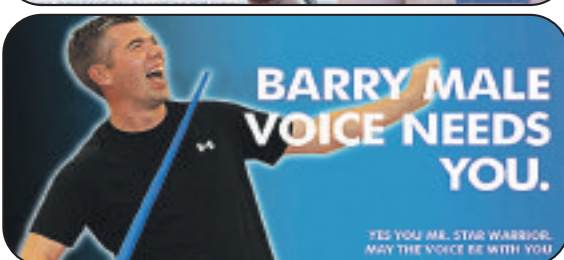
Dot Connell, the musical director of Barry Male Voice Choir, was on the radio. Dot, who happened to be in Scotland overlooking Troon Sands was describing last year's recruitment drive and its search for new members to Roy Noble back in Cardiff.

Dave said: "I thought I'd won the Lottery!"

A year later and Dave feels more than ever that he has won the Lottery.

He is due to link up with Roy Noble on 'The Roy Noble' show on Sunday, November 8, to talk about choir life and encourage others to make that life-enhancing decision.

So you're interested in joining the choir, but have a few questions...



Men of Barry and the Vale, Barry Male Voice Choir needs you. You'll be made welcome at our taster evening at the West End Club, St Nicholas Rd, Barry (CF62 6QY) on Monday, November 16 at 7.30pm.

Last year's campaign on Facebook and Twitter was so encouraging it took us by surprise. The actor Michael Sheen even re-tweeted our post to his 200,000 followers.

It also had support from weatherman Derek Brockway, a native of Barry, BBC presenter Sian Williams and a number of Welsh sports personalities.

So what happens at the taster evening?

It is a gentle and convivial introduction to male voice singing. It is for men who are interested in

singing but who have not sung before or who are nervous about joining a choir.

Guests will not be expected to sing on their own.

The evening will focus on singing under the expert guidance of our musical director Dot Connell.

What happens after the singing?

A singalong with our resident guitarist John Shewring with a pint (or soft drink) and a buffet.

What if I want to join the choir after the taster?

A series of practices for new choristers have been arranged which will help prepare them to join the choir.

Anyone unable to attend the taster session will still be very welcome to join the choir at any time.

For more information see the choir website at www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk or phone 07925 878669.

Gareth Roberts - the Chairman's welcome

I am delighted to report that the proud legacy of Barry Male Voice Choir is safe. Ahead there is a future which every chorister can share with pride and confidence.

This enviable state of affairs is due to the success of last year's recruitment campaign which resulted in 16 new members joining the choir.

These valued members are now a proud part of a collective team sharing a love of singing, fellowship and fun.

Ahead lies the continued challenge of serving the community by supporting charities and local organisations.

Choir life also involves travel at home and abroad as well as regular social events.

The choir's taster evening at the West End Club Barry is on November 16.

This is a chance for any men interested in what male voice singing is about to find out in the most welcoming and convivial way.

There are no expectations or demands. Join us for a sing along, a pint and buffet.

The choir extends its thanks to the Barry Town Council, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and our advertisers for their support.



Gordon Mudford - President's invitation

BARRY Male Voice Choir has served the cultural and charitable interests of the town and the Vale with distinction for 113 years.

The success of last year's recruitment drive has secured the future of the choir.

The future is now viewed with confidence and ambition. Ahead are visits to Scotland next May and the Royal Albert Hall in November 2016.

New members to the choir will be very welcome to join in.

Gentlemen, if you just think you might be interested in singing or music come along to our taster evening. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain!

I look forward to meeting you.



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Porthcawl at War: November 1915

Porthcawl supporters at the railway station... off to watch Clem Lewis.



BY mid-November the Derby Scheme was well under way. Named after Lord Derby, it was a scheme to raise volunteers before, what ultimately resulted in, an inevitable need for conscription.

Men aged 18 to 40 were informed that under the scheme they could continue to enlist voluntarily or attest with the obligation to attend on call up, later on.

The men who immediately agreed to serve were 'Class B'; whereas those who preferred to defer their service until a later date were 'Class A'.

Class A were given a day's army pay and a grey armband with a red crown on, to show that they had volunteered.

Initially, the National Registration Scheme in July had revealed these eligible men, whose details had been transferred onto blue cards and sent to their local Parliamentary Recruiting Committee.

Armed with these blue cards, canvassers visited the relevant houses.

In November 1915, the blue card canvassers were seen in Porthcawl.

Whether as a result of the above scheme, or personal choice, there is evidence that more Porthcawlians enlisted during the month.

The 23rd Battalion proved the most popular choice, possibly as it was recruiting locally.

Recruits included Wallace Burnell, 'Craigerne' 25 Mary Street, David Hutchinson, General Store top of John Street, William Stark, 6 Florence Street Nottage; plus Thomas and William Oliver, Florists and Fruiterers, from 'The Vineries', New Road.

It is interesting to note that David Osborne Hutchinson, Regimental No 41778 and William Edward Oliver, Regimental No 41777, enlisted together. David, William and Thomas remained in the 23rd Battalion throughout the war serving in Salonika and Gallipoli; all three

becoming Sergeants.

Yet Wally, as he was known, and Bill Stark were transferred to other regiments as a result of their occupations.

Private Wallace Burnell was transferred to the Royal Engineers Inland Water Transport Section due to his bricklaying capabilities and Private Bill Stark, being a coalminer, was transferred to the Labour Corps, where his skills were evidently viewed as more useful to the war effort.

David Hutchinson, Bill Stark and William and Thomas Oliver survived the war. Bill Stark returned to the coalmines and the others to their businesses in Porthcawl. Wallace Burnell did not.

One of three boys, Richard Wallace Burnell was born in 1892 in Porthcawl to William and Martha Ann Burnell.

Following his father into the building trade, he then enlisted on November 5, 1915: Regimental No. 41773. Sadly, his mother died a few days later.

It is interesting to read that Wally's mother, Martha Ann, was so respected and loved in the town that Ministers from three chapels spoke at her funeral.

Apart from many acts of charity, it is said that she always sent a wreath to the funeral of any body washed up on the shore.

Further her maiden name was Power, a name that will crop up in future issues.

On March 21, 1916 Lance Corporal Burnell was transferred to the Royal Engineers, where he soon adjusted to life as Sapper Burnell at Chatham Dock Yard.

On May 29, 1917, he was again transferred to the 4th Reserve Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment, from whence he was posted to Calais to join the 6th Battalion in August.

Private R Wallace Burnell was tragically killed by a trench mortar on March 23, 1918 during the Battle of St Quentin. The Battle of St Quentin was one of many battles fought as a result of 'Kaiserschlacht', the

German Army's final push for victory in the Spring of 1918. Private Richard Wallace Burnell's body was never found and as a consequence is remembered on the Pozieres Memorial, France.

Private Burnell was the cousin of Bridgend-born Welsh rugby player Captain John Morris Clement Lewis 16th Battalion (Cardiff City) Welsh Regiment, who had also enlisted at Porthcawl in November 1914. Despite being wounded at the Battle of Pilckem Ridge, August 1917 Clem Lewis went on to play at fly-half, in the First Five Nations tournament after the First World War in 1920.

In November The Rest Home, Porthcawl opened its doors as the St John's Auxiliary Hospital, with Matron Lambton continuing in charge. The first wounded soldiers were transported in 34 cars from the 3rd Western Hospital in Cardiff, to part occupy the 250 beds.

As a result of this occurrence, it was impressed upon the Porthcawl Urban District Council that West Road needed to be re-surfaced in order to accommodate greater traffic. Relating also to the Rest Home, Private Henry Wessendorf, one of the new patients told of how, while at the front, he was informed: "There is a man over there who is a namesake of yours." (Glamorgan Gazette 26th November 1915.)

When Henry looked, he was shocked to see his brother Frank, whom he hadn't seen for some years and hadn't realised had joined up.

Henry had initially joined the Royal Engineers in 1914, but in April 1918 was transferred to the newly created Royal Air Force.

Henry and Frank were the sons of James Wessendorf, who had been the harbour master at Porthcawl for over 30 years before his death in 1897.

During his time, the family had lived at 'Artic House,' which was next door to the Ship and Castle public house.

An appeal of great heartache appeared in the Porthcawl News in the November 25 issue, concerning the mother of Private Charles Chambers, Dorsetshire Regiment.

Mrs. Chambers had written to the War Office asking of her son's whereabouts, since she had not had any communication from him since the Battle of Mons, in August 1914.

As she had not received a reply, she placed an appeal in the local paper knowing that copies were sent out to Porthcawlians at the front. Tragically, she was to hear in July 1916, that he had been killed in August 1914.

Finally, at home Porthcawlians raised £31.45 for the Red Cross, residents were urged to change from using butter to margarine, and the Pavilion (then at the top of Gordon Road) held a concert in aid of the Belgian Refugee Fund on November 10.

However, that was the last concert for a week. The Pavilion was closed due to the lack of a water supply. In fact strong remarks had been voiced at the Council meeting November 15 when it became known that there was no water connection to the Pavilion.

Apparently when Mr William Bagg the builder had been employed to build six houses west of The Pavilion, in preparation, he had cut off the supply.

When Councillor John Grace asked the question: "When was it cut off?" Mr George F Lambert, surveyor, replied: "I cannot give you the date it was cut off, but I served the notice on 23rd October." Councillor Grace retorted: "Visitors have informed me that they cannot go near the place. It's a menace to public health." When told, Councillor David Davies exclaimed: "Disgusting!" (Porthcawl News, November 18, 1915.)

The water supply was reconnected the next day.

CERI JOSEPH

Spooky stories and trick or treat in the witches' cell!



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PORTHCOWL museum ran a successful 'Hallowe'en in Cell' night last Friday when children and adults were entertained by volunteers who provided activities that included a spooky storyteller, catch the hanging apple challenge, trick or treat in the witches' cell and prizes for the best costume (judged by the John Street PCSOs).

The museum was also delighted to be selected by Welsh Museums to host a film crew, who recorded the event and interviewed many of the visitors and volunteers, for future use on the Welsh Museum website.



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Porthcawl RFC junior rugby news round-up

UNDER-7S

Game one - Porthcawl 8, Treorchy 1; game two - Porthcawl 9, Valley Ravens 0.

UNDER-9S - TREORCHY 2, PORTHCAWL 2; VALLEY RAVENS 7, PORTHCAWL 1.

Two games and two completely different performances.

First up were Treorchy and we were superb; in this game we were on fire moving up in a line and chopping Treorchy down on the game line, with every player getting at least two tackles.

With Treorchy playing a narrow game we tackled them out four times without them making any real distance which allowed us to have more ball time and we followed the coaching and made two passes, opening up the space by moving the ball away from contact area.

This then opened up for our runners following good surges from ball carriers with Dewi cutting through early on only but he knocked the ball on over the line.

In the next play we tackled them out again and again we spread ball wide and passed out of the tackle, Dewi picking up ball in space and with a couple of sidesteps he was over in the corner, this time safely grounding the ball.

Unfortunately we went to sleep straight from kick off with only half the defensive line moving forward, leaving a huge space for Treorchy to waltz through and tie the game 1-1.

Then came a pre-planned move from kick off, our burger move creating space for Lewis following a great switch from Dewi; Lewis turned on the pace and we were

one ahead with minutes to play. Lewis picked up the award for try of the day for finishing off this move.

A period of good possession with Piers, Dylan and Dexter taking ball forward and making some strong tackles on the gain line. We had plenty of ball in attack but we knocked a few balls on.

Unfortunately in the next play our defence was sleeping again and Treorchy levelled the score despite us dominating possession.

A great team performance came from every player, all wanting to tackle and run with the ball - it was pleasing to watch.

You could see the new found confidence in Brody and Ryan in defence chopping down the attackers; Ben continued his good form from last week with a number of tackles and a few runs, but this week Joel was on his game, running with the ball and three great tackles earning him the individual effort award.

Our scrum halves played their hearts out; first Oscar in the Treorchy game kept the ball moving fast, allowing our runners to hit space and Lex filling the role when Oscar was off, but both contributed superbly in defence with great tackle count.

In the second game we forgot most of what happened in the first game and our defensive line was crooked which Valley Ravens took advantage of with even some of our top tacklers stepping back in defence rather than moving forward.

Our heads started to drop and with a couple of injuries this allowed Valley Ravens to dominate. On a positive

note Scott's hard running paid off with another try - happy birthday for this weekend!

Then came the two stand-out performers in the last game with that never say die attitude, charging forward in attack and in defence ruthlessly cutting down the attackers, executing the side tackle to perfection.

Mackenzey picked up top tackler for the number of try-saving tackles made to go with his surging runs. Then there is Neeson for his all round game, picking up the making difference award for playing scrum half, then making a number of runs and of course the trademark tackles. Matty deservedly picked up making a difference award.

This week we are home - let's build on the performance we saw in our first game.

Rob Hooper

UNDER-10S - FERNDALE 39, 29; PORTHCAWL 29; TREHERBERT 14, PORTHCAWL 17.

A really bright sunny day up in the valleys saw a round robin competition.

The truth of the first game against Ferndale is that we bossed the first half and had a little nap in the second.

In places we looked very capable and most of the technical skills held us in contention and had we had kicked off the duvet the game was ours for the taking.

A very good lesson learned here for the team and hopefully one not to be repeated.

Next up were Treherbert after a three minute break. Again we looked really good in parts and shaky in others. At times we had Treherbert going backwards while they were in control of the ball but never really pushed on to grasp the rewards of our hard work by turning the ball over.

Our determination to play the game in the right way and in the right spirit is a credit to all associated with the green and black shirt.

Unfortunately the game drifted away at the end of the first half for us mainly through fatigue and some strong running from Treherbert. In the second half we stepped up but had given ourselves a small mountain to climb by this stage.

Our best spell of the game came towards the end, with some great rucking, passing and positive running. A good game to watch for all who travelled.

Awards: MVP - Max Shirley; best ruck - Evan Carless; best tackle - Will Thomas-Parker; best pass - Dylan Bell.

JASON PARKER

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The announcement follows a summer of fundraising activities, which saw the store on Adare Street, along with 34 other Specsavers stores across mid and south Wales, raise more than £5,000 for WDRU during the 'Specsavers Choir' tour.

The rugby-themed choirs performed a one-off, four-hour performance at Specsavers stores on weekends throughout August and September to build on excitement ahead of the start of the Rugby World Cup.

Specsavers has supported Wales Deaf Rugby since 2012 when it became the official provider of audiology testing as well as kit sponsor. The new sponsorship agreement will see Specsavers work with WDRU until 2018.

Paul Morris, director of Specsavers in Bridgend, said: "Over the last three years we have worked closely with WDRU to raise awareness of hearing loss and the importance of regular hearing tests, so we're delighted to continue this important partnership."

"Unfortunately, hearing loss can have a social stigma attached to it, but that should not stop individuals from achieving great things, as the community programme aims to address. And with the sophisticated, state-of-



From left: Frank Moloney of Specsavers, Jack Skyrme, WDRU player, Gwynne Griffiths, chairman of WDRU with the Specsavers Choir.

the-art hearing aid technology available today, we'll be working closely with WDRU to promote the importance of looking after your ear health and to encourage people with hearing loss."

Wales recently returned from its inaugural visit to South Africa where the team played and won both international test matches against the Deaf 'Boks'.

The successful tour and four consecutive victories against close rivals England Deaf reinforce Wales' position as the leading nation in world deaf rugby.

Gwynne Griffiths, chairman of WDRU, said: "Without sponsorship, we would not be able to carry out the vital outreach work we do in communities through our engagement programme, and make sure that players have access to the best training and support staff available."

Pencoe RFC youth edge tight encounter

THIS friendly match between **Pencoe youth and Nantylfyllon youth at the Recreation Ground kicked off in spring-like conditions, and as the 8-7 score suggests, was evenly contested throughout, the home side scoring their points in the first half with the visitors finishing the match well for their points.**

Pencoe opened the scoring in the 10th minute with a well judged penalty goal from Jacob Lloyd. A long diagonal kick from Lloyd then put the home side back on the attack, and sustained pressure through the phases was met by a determined visitors defence.

Pencoe then took a tight head at a close up scrum, Tom Williams held up just short. Nanty were showing plenty of adventure, opening up play from their own line and they swept play into the Pencoe half through their threequarters.

Zac Taylor took a second scrum against the head for the home side, this especially pleasing for coach Matthew Harry, the former Pencoe youth hooker and captain.

Sam Rowland Jones capitalized on the head with the initial break to halfway and combined play from backs and forwards saw centre Chris Cooper break and second row Dan Watkins put his scrum capped head back some 30 metres out to race over wide out and Pencoe led 8-0.

It was then the turn of the home side to defend and only a superb cover tackle from scrum half Callum Palmer foiled the visitors deep in the home

visitors' thirds, who were now looking increasingly dangerous out wide.

To their credit Nanty were now moving the ball from everywhere in their efforts to break Pencoe down, but the home side covered and tackled like the proverbial demons and it wasn't until the final minute the visitors got the converted try their efforts deserved.

Pencoe can reflect on a hard-fought narrow victory, a result of their all round team effort, gritty defence behind typified by the small in stature Griffiths Davies and Palmer, while up front rangy locks Dan Watts and Watkins ensured a steady stream of possession.

On Saturday Pencoe youth entertain Glynneath in the Ospreys A League, 2.30 pm kick off.

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AFC run out winners away from home

L LANTWIT MAJOR AFC ran out 5-2 winners away against Llswerry in Division 3 league fixture on Saturday.

A stunning individual performance from the diminutive Rob Jones saw him bag four goals, and a very mixed bag they were too.

He opened the scoring after barely one minute and then midway through the half Rob collected the ball wide on the left side.

He cut in across two defenders and from 30 yards fired an unstoppable shot into the top left hand corner to secure Llantwit a 2-0 lead.

With three minutes to go before the break,

Llantwit extended their lead further when Kris Smith launched a free kick from 30 yards which went untouched and straight into the Llswerry goal.

Llswerry got back in the game on the hour mark when a corner was nodded in at the far post by an unchallenged Llswerry centre back, before making 3-2 with another strike.

Jones sealed his hatrick for Llantwit before Rob Jones deflected a Kris Smith free kick into the Llswerry goal in stoppage time to give Llantwit the win at the margin that their superiority deserved.

The next game home is against Aberbargoed from Division 1 in the cup.

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Christmas boxing event

ON December 18, Trecco Bay holiday park are helping their local boxing club, Porthcawl & Pyle Pumas ABC, by hosting a boxing show in order to help them to raise funds towards the maintenance, upkeep and renewal and supply of boxing and gym equipment for the members to use.

The club is a non-profit organisation who cater for youngsters from seven years up to adults.

The club look to teach the youngsters respect. Last year Porthcawl ABC produced four Welsh champions and two went on to box in the British Championships!

This year they have one female champion and three boys boxing in the Welsh novice finals this week.

We are looking to see if any businesses would like to be part of this great event by sponsoring a fight on the night.

We are asking for a donation of £50 towards our fundraising for the sponsorship of the bouts.

Opening times for the club are Tuesdays and Thursdays (ages seven to nine) 4.30pm-5.30pm; 10s to teenagers 5pm-6.30pm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; seniors 5pm-7pm.

For more information contact: Porthcawlpumas@hotmail.co.uk or 07977179329.

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Sam's super strike helps youth to win

A 35 yard shot by Sam Slade contributed to a Bridgend Town youth's victory against Corntown Centurions in the South Wales Youth League on Sunday afternoon.

Bridgend opened the scoring after two minutes with a goal from Ben Shattock.

A second goal soon followed after a mix up in the Corntown defence which was under pressure from Rhys Felton, ending with an own goal.

Bridgend continued to press and Sam Slade picked the ball up in Corntown's half and shot from 35 yards out into the corner of the Corntown net.

The fourth goal came

on 20 minutes with a through ball to Lucas Logan who calmly slotted passed the keeper.

Bridgend sat back for the rest of the first half and Corntown came more into the game although not troubling the Bridgend goal.

The second half was more equally balanced but Bridgend thought they had made it five through Matthew Morgan, but the referee chose not to play an advantage.

Corntown finally broke down the Bridgend defence to score late in the second half but there was still time for Ben Shattock to grab his second of the game five minutes from the end, in what was a much-improved performance by Bridgend.

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cherished bebo and bumps to all his
grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral
service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on
Tuesday, November 10 at 2pm. Family flowers only,
donations in lieu of the Alzheimer's
Society c/o the Funeral Director.

MORRIS Graham

Passed away peacefully at The Manor House,
St. Hilary on October 26, Graham of Aberthryn,
Cowbridge and formerly of Abercrave. Dearly
loved husband to Liz and loving father to Ruth
and Ian, devoted grandfather to Libby, Grace
and Eva, affectionate father-in-law to Dan
and Kate.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James &
Sons, Fommon. Funeral Tuesday, November 10,
service 10.45am at Llanblethian Church, followed by
cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at
12 noon. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if
desired, to Parkinsons UK c/o J James, 11 Fommon
Road, Rhooose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

KELLAND Patricia Mary

Peacefully on October 31 at her home in Rhooose,
Pat, beloved wife of the late Mike, dearly loved
mother of Neil, Nigel, Michelle and Mandy, much
loved by all her grandchildren and greatgrandchild.

Funeral Thursday, November 12, service 11.30am at
Porthkerry Church, followed by interment in Porthkerry
Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the Private Funeral
Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon.

SNOW

Vivien Christine

On October 24 at Llandough Hospital, cherished
wife of Michael and much loved step-mother
and nanny.

Resting at W. James and Sons, Fommon until
Requiem Mass at Our Lady and St. Iltyd R.C.
Church, Ham Lane, Llantwit Major on Monday,
November 9 at 11am, followed by cremation at
Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. No flowers by
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From Neil, Gareth and Amy xxx

HOUSLEY Val

It is with great sadness that the family announce
Val's sudden but beautifully peaceful passing on
Tuesday October 27 at Princess of Wales
Hospital, after a short illness. Adored and
devoted wife for 57 years of Alan, dearly loved
mum of Vicki, Craig and Jane (& Jess the dog),
much loved mother-in-law of Gary and Claire,
adored and cherished Nanny to Katie, Will,
Emma, Lucy and Ben.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

A celebration of Val's life will take place at
Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, November 9
at 1.45pm. The family have requested the dress
code to include a splash of colour. Family flowers
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COYLE

Joseph McDonald

Peacefully on October 25 at Princess of Wales
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husband of Margaret, a dearly loved father of
Adam and Joey.

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Sons, Fommon. Funeral Tuesday November 10,
service and cremation 3.15pm at Coychurch
Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request,
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DOLMAN

Lyn

Nikki and family would like to
thank everyone who supported
her and Lyn through his illness
before he sadly passed away on
October 3rd. They would also like
to thank everyone who sent
flowers, cards and kind words of
condolence during this hard time.

Nikki would like to say thank you
to everyone at Llantwit Major RFC
for their love, support and kindness
shown during this time. She would
also like to say a special thank you
to all of her and Lyn's closest
friends who have been an immense support, helping
her and the family through these hard days.

Lyn would be so proud of you all.

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CURTIS

Peter Charles (Tex)

Died suddenly at home, beloved husband of Laura,
beloved son of Eileen and Michael.

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Port Road East, Barry on Monday, November 9 at 2pm.
Family flowers only, donations if desired to Calm.

CURTIS

Brynley Thomas (Bryn)

Suddenly passed away on October 25 at
Llandough Hospital, aged 78. Loving husband to
Lillian, loving father to Dawn, Deborah, Bryn
and Denise, and a loving grandfather to Luke,
Angel and Olivia.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewdd Road,
Barry until his service on Wednesday, November 11
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ROGERS

David Morris

Peacefully on October 28 at UHW, Cardiff, after
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husband of the late June, dearly loved father
and grandfather.

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DANCEY

Joan Anne

Peacefully on October 29 at Llandough Hospital,
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of Anne, David, Elaine and Jonathan, cherished
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Rhys, also an adored great nana. Respected and
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Betty

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Glamorgan Council Civic Offices, Holton
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07/57	BMW 118d SE Auto 3dr	41,747	£7,795	£6,995	SAVING £800
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Wales RL team close to Championship success

WALES went one step closer to winning the 2015 European Championship on Friday night after another stunning display in attack and defence gave them a 14-6 win over France.

France hadn't, and still haven't, won a test in south Wales since 1948, this including a mauling at the hands of Western Samoa in Cardiff in the 1995 World Cup.

Early chances at either end but defences were on top in the first quarter of an hour. Both lines were pounded, Elliot Kear making one try-saving tackle, while at the other end, Courtney Davies' grubber was well collected.

France thought they had scored on 20 minutes in but a pass to the unmarked Jordan Sigismeu was so far forward it almost made the clubhouse.

Wales finally broke the deadlock on 27 minutes after Dalton Grant intercepted a stray pass and ran 60 metres to score. Courtney Davies missed the kick.

France criminally kicked a penalty that

didn't reach touch and was collected well by Rhys Williams and, with Wales attacking near to the end of the half, Christian Roets was a metre away from scoring as the whistle blew.

The home side extended their lead five minutes after the break as Joe Burke did well to receive the ball near to the sticks and force his way down through a pile of Frenchmen. Davies easily converted to make the score 10-0.

It was a spectacular third try for Wales as Courtney Davies kicked a grubber and then ran around his marker to leap on it and score in the corner. He failed to land the conversion but it gave Wales a healthy 14-0 lead.

Wales continued with their heroics at the other end as Joe Burke stopped an unimaginative French attack, and when Connor Farrer ran well to leap onto a loose ball and then win a penalty, Wales thought of kicking for goal, but in the end ran the penalty, but the move ended in a knock-on.

More heroic Welsh defending stopped Benjamin Jullien from crossing, but the French persisted. They won a penalty a metre from the

sticks but wasted their chance after being penalised for crossing when William Barthau had created a scoreable chance for Olivier Arnaud.

Wales continued to outwit their opponents, ensuring that if they couldn't score straight away then the clock would be used up.

Straight out of the training manual, Davies kicked the ball out to give France a scrum, then as Theo Fages looked to run the ball out, he was forced into a goal-line drop-out by the combined force of Rhodri Lloyd, Ollie Olds, Steve Parry and Christian Roets.

Again the Welsh defence continued to impress. Port Talbot youngster Regan Grace (18) made a mark on his

debut with 10 minutes to go, picking up a Barthau grubber in the Wales goal area to deny 'les tricolours' yet again.

From the goal-line drop out, Rhys Williams collected another standard kick to again stop the French from scoring.

Wales were seven minutes from their first clean sheet since the famous 68-0 hammering of Papua New Guinea in 1991, but the blues finally broke the wall of red as Mickael Simon scored under the sticks and Barthau quickly landed the extras.

But France didn't have enough in the tank to get anything more and Wales go to Ireland on Saturday knowing that a draw or win will give them the trophy they last won in 2010. **IG**

Evan lands an Ascot winner

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams saw his six-year-old bay gelding Padge land the Ascot Underwriting Novices' Limited Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

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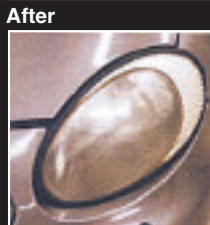
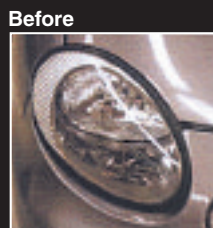
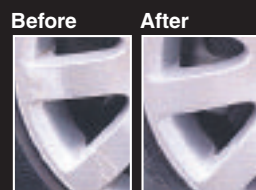
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IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR AT THE JSTKD CLUB!



THE team members at JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness came home with a glittering reminder of their visit to the autumn Welsh Closed Tae Kwon Do tournament, with medals across all categories.

Held at the purpose built sports hall on the University of Wales' Caerleon Campus, the tournament attracted a significant amount of competitors from all over Wales as well as some guest clubs from further afield.

Off to a flying start was Chris Edwards who, not content with taking the gold in the Men's Blue Belt Patterns, went on to steal the bronze in a closely fought match in the Men's Blue Belt

Sparring event.

For the ladies, Lynne Doel, although missing out this time in the individual medals, more than made up for it by claiming the gold in the Ladies Tag Team contest.

Keeping it in the family, son Rhys followed suit by taking the silver in the Boys Black Belt Tag event.

Over in the Cadets Black Belt competition (older boys) Alan Li once again made his mark in both individual and tag sparring, coming away with the silver and gold.

In a fine example of girl power, Menna Birmingham mixed speed and strength to great effect as she claimed gold in the Girls Black Belt division.

However, the younger juniors made certain they weren't left

out of the medals, as Alex Munn and Zac Bowman turned in superb performances to take the silver and bronze respectively in the Boys Peeewe contest.

Although not reaching the finals of their various divisions, the other team members also deserve congratulations for their great efforts on the day.

Those getting a special mention are Seren Doel, Josh and Sean Edwards, Gabe Wilfred, Mathew O'Callaghan, Xantia Hobrough, Finlay Valvo, Fraser McKenna and Joseph Powell.

To find out more about the full range of classes available throughout the Vale, please visit www.jstkd.co.uk.

VW



Under-6s' football fun starts

THE VOG Football League have added an under-6s' league to their growing numbers.

Fixtures are run every other week for the teams and on the weeks we don't play games, the teams can train. The times are 10am-11am on a Sunday morning.

This is open to every club and players without a team can just turn up and we will find you a club. Cardiff City scouts are present, looking for talented players to join their prep academy.

Pictured above are teams and coaches with Coun Gwyn John.

LS

VALE YOUNGSTERS ARE PLAYING MORE SPORT!

THE latest School Sport Survey (2015) has revealed that children in the Vale are participating in sport in increasing numbers.

In a table of Wales' 22 local authorities, the Vale of Glamorgan Council has secured a top three spot for the participation of children in sport within its boundaries.

Amongst the many positive highlights to come out of the survey, a huge 83 per cent of pupils in the Vale said that they had taken part in a sport at a club outside school in the past year.

Over half of all pupils in the local authority area were also

found to be taking part in sport more than three times a week according to the Sport Wales report.

Commenting, Gwyn John, Cabinet Member for Visible and Leisure Services, said: "The findings of this survey are very encouraging. The importance of keeping fit and active cannot be underestimated."

"The patterns we establish in our early years in terms of keeping fit and participating in sports can have lasting positive benefits both in terms of our health and in the development of important life skills such as teamwork."

He added: "As someone who has always been active both as a participant and spectator in sport, I can testify to the army of parents, teachers and volunteers out there who give up their time to facilitate sporting activities for children in the Vale and across Wales for that matter."

"The results of this survey are testament to their efforts and enthusiasm."

"The Vale of Glamorgan Council's Sports & Play Development Team should also be congratulated for providing the platform which has undoubtedly contributed to these very positive results."

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Kickboxing youngsters return home with an impressive medal haul



YOUNGSTERS from a Bridgend kickboxing club have returned from world championships in Germany with a staggering nine world titles.

The nine-strong Scorpions Martial Arts Club team took on opponents from clubs from around the world and returned laden with medals from the ICO (International Combat Organisation) World Championships in Stuttgart.

David Thorington, chief instructor at the club, based on Bridgend Industrial Estate, said: "I knew we had a strong team with some elite fighters amongst them but I wasn't expecting quite

this level of success. The ICO is this club's governing body and the world championships pits clubs from around the world up against each other. The youngsters have done the club and Bridgend proud."

The world title winners were - nine-year-old Gabe Trimble, 10-year-old Zac Thorington, 14-year-old Rebekka Morrissey (two titles), 12-year-old Leah Radford (two titles), 14-year-old Thomas Salberg (two titles) and 13-year-old William Jervis.

Josh Lewis (13) won two silver medals and 18-year-old Jordan Williams won a silver medal, while nine-year-old Oliver Beavington gained valuable experience in his first

world title tournament.

Pictured above are the triumphant youngsters with their medals haul along with coach, David Thorington.

The club, one of the largest fighting clubs in Wales, is no stranger to success: "As a fighting club we travel up and down the country attending tournaments and fight nights on a regular basis and we have a tournament style sparring class once a week to build fighting confidence and technique. Scorpions is a family and everyone is welcome to come along and have a go. Our classes are energetic and loud and great fun," added David.

The club has just become the first in the

UK to launch a new children's self-defence programme called The Children's Protector which has been created by a company called MANTIS in partnership with the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA), hosted by the National Children's Bureau (NCB).

David said: "Since starting the club, we have been fully committed to enabling youngsters to fulfil their potential in a safe and caring environment. This latest success in the world championships and our participation with The Children's Protector demonstrate our determination to offer youngsters something special."

Further information on The Children's Protector programme at Scorpions Martial Arts can be obtained on 07527 329218.

PR

Boys triumph in London

ON Saturday, October 24 Bridgend Disabled Football Club took a seven-a-side team to London to take on 'QPR in the Community' in an arranged friendly, to build bridges with our London connections.

After a slow start, they took the lead with goals from Kerry Baker, but QPR soon fought back after some sloppy defending. After a reshuffle at half-time Bridgend's players starting picking up and found their game and finally won 9-4.

What a fantastic result for a small club in Wales. Everyone played their heart out and deserved the win.

KH

Cup dreams still alive for the under-18s

PENYBONT under-18s' cup hopes were kept alive with a comfortable 5-1 victory away to Pentrych. Penybont made much easier work of advancing through this round after needing extra time in round one.

Penybont started the game at a high intensity which set the tone for their performance as a whole. This also resulted in Penybont scoring the opening goal of the game inside the four minute mark.

Huw Williams played a superb ball to the left of the pitch which caught the home side by surprise as the ball only marginally stayed in play; consequently, this allowed Arran Williams to dribble the ball into the penalty area at pace to then slot the ball past the Pentrych goalkeeper to give Penybont a perfect start.

Penybont's superb pressing game limited Pentrych's opportunities to a minimum as they struggled to get many passes together.

A key moment in the match came in the 41st minute when Penybont goalkeeper Calum Williams made a crucial save to deny the hosts from point blank range.

Then, moments later, just before half-time, Rhys Mahoney showed great vision to swerve the ball past the last defender

to striker Matthew Symons who showed good precision to score a fine goal which gave Penybont a 2-0 lead going into the second half.

Penybont were now in charge of the game and were playing football in the right areas of the pitch which prevented Pentrych from having many meaningful shots on goal.

The Pentrych goalkeeper was to blame for Penybont's third goal as he bundled an audacious long range effort by Ben Thomas into the back of the net.

However, on the 65th minute mark, Pentrych got a goal back which gave them the confidence to have more shots on goal than they had all game.

But Penybont soon lessened any thoughts of a comeback by the home side when Robert Symons demonstrated his exquisite finishing skills to all as he put the ball into the back of the net to give Penybont a 4-1 lead.

With minutes to go, an Alex Vidler bullet header from an Oliver Waagens cross rounded off a successful 5-1 victory.

Overall, Penybont were well worth the victory and future performances like this will stand them in good stead for future progression in the cup - well done!

TOM PROSSER

Bridgend Bridge Club results

THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, October 28: 1st Liam Sheridan and John Beard, 2nd Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox, 3rd Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner. Winners on handicap Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox.

Thursday, October 29: 1st Mari Jones and John Hillman, 2nd Leila O'Hagan and Teresa Griffiths, 3rd Paul Lyne and Mike Williams. Winners on handicap Paul Lyne and Mike Williams.

Friday, October 30: 1st Colin and Hazel Heard, 2nd Simon and Debbie Richards, 3rd Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. Winners on handicap John Moore and Mildred Trigg-Knight.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday

evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

New lessons for beginners are now taking place - further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

TG

Kenfig Hill under-16s triumph in the cup



ABOVE: Logan Rees on the attack. BELOW: Tom Morgan crosses for a try. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN HYDE.



THE second round of the Ospreys Development Cup saw a re-run of last year's Plate final, with the young Mules hosting local rivals Porthcawl.

The weather was exceptional and a good number of supporters turned out to support both sides.

From the start of the game Kenfig Hill made most of the running, with good interplay between forwards and backs. The first try came from flanker Liam Abbott, converted by Tom Morgan.

Porthcawl hit back with a penalty making it 7-3. From the kick off the young Mules went back on the attack again with a flurry of decisive breaks from both backs and forwards, and full back Tom Morgan eventually went over for his first try.

For the rest of the first half Kenfig Hill played all the rugby, with Porthcawl only gaining territory due to Kenfig Hill mistakes and discipline. The half-time score was 14-3.

Playing with wind Porthcawl were awarded a scrum close to the Kenfig Hill line, which was converted bringing the score back to 14-10.

Captain Jamie Knight rallied his players and from that point, there was only one team in it.

As in the first half the forwards gave the backs a great platform, which allowed the backs time and they in turn demonstrated their skill pulling off some lovely breaks from all over the

paddock.

A strong performance in the pack came from Ethan Granville who created space in an unconventional way, which allowed left wing Corey Murphy to cross the whitewash, again converted by Thomas Morgan.

As the game moved into the last quarter a strong run from right wing Josh Richards pulled in several tacklers; this created space for Liam Abbott who crossed for his second try of the game with Tom Morgan converting his fourth successful conversion of the afternoon.

The last try of the game was the pick of the bunch - good lineup ball was won deep in the Mules' 22 metre area, and the ball was spread along the backs to full back Morgan, who slipped through the first line of defence, leaving him in a one on one with the Porthcawl full back, who he stood up and rounded, scoring a great try. The final score was 33-10.

Overall this was a great squad effort, with the forwards giving platforms from scrum and line outs, with the backs playing their part in defence and attack.

Squad: forwards - Zac Spanwick, Kieran Jenkins, Ethan Granville, Lewis Panniers, Jamie Spanwick, Will Price, Liam Abbott, Nathan Ruck and Jamie Knight. Backs - Logan Rees, Jordan Baker, Connor Walker, Lloyd Thomas, Corey Murphy, Thomas Morgan, Dylan Jones and Josh Richards. DD

PORTHCAWL BRIDGE CLUB



Chairman Janet Richards presenting Emer and Tony with the Haworth Salver for the Mixed Pairs.

THE club mixed pairs championship was held in conjunction with the autumn cheese and wine evening - our thanks to the lady committee members for a fine buffet.

The competition itself was a keenly fought event with Emer Disley and Tony Haworth just prevailing.

CLUB RESULTS

Saturday, October 17: First - Trish Saunders & Janet Richards; Second - Colin & Hazel Heard.

Thursday, October 22, club mixed pairs championship: First - Emer

Disley & Tony Haworth; Handicap and Runners-Up - Kate Craven & Terry Dolan.

Saturday, October 24: First - Peter & Sandie Jenkins; Second - Connie Dick & Roger Draper.

Thursday, October 15: First - Pat Haworth & Gary Williams; Handicap - Roger Draper & Mary Fletcher.

The club meets twice a week - Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 7pm-10.15pm, visitors welcome at any time.

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PLANNING AHEAD FOR WALES' RUGBY WORLD CUP CHALLENGE 2019



Japan points the way to final piece of the jigsaw Welsh camp must target that last 10 minutes when games are won and lost

AS the dust settles on an epic Rugby World Cup final, which saw the All Blacks retain their crown and cruise imperiously into the history books with a record-breaking 34-17 back-to-back title win over Australia, the absence of a home side in the showpiece finale at Twickenham graphically highlighted the gap that still remains between the hemispheres.

For the host team, England, of course, the occasion was doubly discomfiting after all the pre-tournament hype by the London media – as evinced by bizarre bursts of 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' from frustrated home supporters in the capacity crowd who had bought tickets clearly in expectation of seeing their team in the final at 'HQ'.

The one-sided nature of a match in which the result was never in doubt from the moment man-of-the-match Dan Carter struck the first of four penalties (he would also drop a goal and convert two of his side's three tries) was sobering, given that Australia (who could only summon a penalty and two converted tries) were ostensibly the world champions' closest challengers and had easily ended England's World

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by Don John

Cup challenge at the pool stage.

However, few should really have been surprised by the outcome: New Zealand and Australia had locked horns 154 times in the 112 years since they first clashed in 1903 – with the All Blacks winning 105 matches, the Wallabies 42, and seven drawn.

The silver fern's record win over their rivals was 51-20 at Eden Park, Auckland last year – followed by a 41-13 pre-World Cup result; although Australia gained revenge to win the Rugby Championship (previously the Tri Nations) with the Springboks, but now including Argentina – who showed in RWC 2015 that they are reaping the benefit of regularly competing in such august company).

Statistics, though, do little justice to fiercely-contested affairs played at pace, with little quarter asked or given in the power battle up front – as evidenced in Saturday's global showpiece.

The nearest equivalent on this side of 'the pond', is the arch rivalry between Wales and England, who in contrast, have met 127 times in 134 years since 1881 – but at nothing like the sustained intensity over the full 80 minutes-plus which invariably give the southern hemisphere giants a vital edge in tight encounters that nowadays often go right down to the wire.

That may well have a bearing on the frustrating inability of northern hemisphere sides, including Wales, to pass what I would call the 'tingle-10-test' – and nail down victory in those final 10 minutes of tingling excitement in a match, with the result on a knife edge as the clock winds down to full time.

That was again demonstrated in this campaign with an injury-ravaged Wales heroically overcoming a catalogue of misfortune, but falling just short at the death, against both South Africa and Australia, when victory was there for the taking, particularly when the latter were down to just 13 men with two players in the sin bin.

For most of that frantic period, Wales were encamped on the opposing line, battering manfully away at the depleted Oz defence, yet somehow failed to turn overwhelming possession into points.

Thus a golden opportunity to advance further against Scotland in the semi-final was lost.

Looking back, how galling it must have been for Warren Gatland and the Welsh camp to know that despite the ill luck that had dogged them, even before day one, and robbed them of several key personnel, they and not Australia, could well have been facing New Zealand on Saturday... If only attacking nous had been equal to stout defence... and if only they could have held on to that one-point lead at 19-18 in those last crucial minutes before full time against South Africa.

In this respect, the baffling question mark that had hung over the future of defence coach, Shaun Edwards, has thankfully been removed – it is inconceivable that Wales could contemplate being without him for the three-test tour to New Zealand in the summer. The mastermind behind a magnificent

effort by a weakened force that conceded only three tries throughout the tournament, has retained his place in the Welsh back room until the next Rugby World Cup in 2019.

This, of course, will take place in Japan, who pointed the way forward for Wales with what was arguably the attacking display of the championship, defeating eventual third-placed South Africa 34-32 through speed of thought, hand, and foot – and, crucially, quick ball – rather than being drawn into a physical arm wrestle they were unlikely to win.

With that in mind, and with the decision made to retain the coaching team *en bloc*, it will be fascinating to see if Welsh planning for RWC 2019 continues on its well-worn (and to be fair, successful) path, in northern hemisphere terms; or if head coach Warren Gatland will now be contemplating a subtle change of direction for a third and perhaps final attempt to wrest rugby's holy grail away from his Kiwi compatriots.

Time alone will tell... But either way, a key factor in all this will be the success, or otherwise, of the four professional Welsh regions.

The harsh reality is that they too face a pressing challenge over the next four years – to move to a much higher level of excellence and consistency of performance than hitherto – if they are to become a truly competitive force in Europe at last, and underpin the work and aspirations of the national head coach.

In the past, the under-performing regions could point to being at a financial disadvantage compared to their English and French counterparts, but things are changing and while it may never become a level playing field, funding has substantially improved.

Now they at least share some £28million per year from WRU coffers (apart from their other sources of income) and should be buoyed by the current 'feel good' factor in Wales following on the national team's acclaimed World Cup displays. It is doubtful, though, if money issues alone can explain their continued lack of sustained success in European competition.

Moreover, the new WRU regime, now joined by group chief executive Martyn Phillips, has been bequeathed a healthy balance sheet to build on by the departing Roger Lewis, who vacated the post this week, leaving a record £64million turnover, record earnings of over £30million a year, and the inherited £75million debt largely incurred in developing the Millennium Stadium, slashed to a manageable £14.2million.

It is to be hoped that Lewis, who also oversaw the game-changing arrival (literally) of Gatland, is given due credit for his efforts which transformed the financial fortunes of the once ailing WRU – unlike his predecessor, Glamor Griffiths, the man behind the stadium in Cardiff that is now a Wales and global icon, but lest we forget, faced bitter opposition from many who now sing its praises.

He, too, was a much-maligned, controversial figure, who never received full recognition for his contribution to Welsh rugby's renaissance and eventual return to the world stage.

Can Roger Lewis hope to fare any better?

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